



Thomas J. Lewis passed away at his country home south of Bozeman on March 10, 2008. Tom was born on December 16, 1936 to Thomas and Irene Lewis on Phillips Avenue in Butte, Montana. He graduated from Emerson Grade School and from Butte High School in 1954. He attended one year at Montana State College, and then worked for Newbro Drug in Butte until being transferred by that pharmaceutical company to Bozeman, where he spent the rest of his life.

Tom traveled western and eastern Montana with both Newbro Drug and McKesson Robbins for 14 years, worked for Electronic Research Labs on campus and Development Technology, Inc. He was also employed by Burlington Northern, Salt Creek Freight, and USF Rediway.

Tom was well known in the bowling centers around the state over the years. Although he never achieved the illusive 300 game, he did bowl many 299's and was very proud to belong to the 700 club. He bowled for Marty's Alleys in Butte and the American Legion team in Bozeman. Tom Lewis, Wally Dale, George Skerritt, Jim Osen and Dick Jones were a force to contend with for many years. Tom's Dad was inducted into the Montana Bowling Association Hall of Fame in the 80's.

In June of 1993, Tom was forced to retire due to ill health and spent his time spoiling his Collie, Brandy and Tomcat, Muffy.

Tom married Peggy Jones in Butte in 1958 and they were parents of two children. He is survived by son, Tom L. Lewis and daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Joel Johnson, grandchildren, Kassie and Annie Lewis and P.J. and Holly Johnson all of Belgrade. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Irene Carver.

In keeping with Tom's wishes he was cremated and private family services will be held. Should friends desire, memorials in Tom's name may be made to the Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter, P.O. 11390, Bozeman, MT 59719. Funeral arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service.