



Sam Harvey, 69, passed away Sunday, April 6, 2008 doing what he loved most, snowmobiling on the West Fork of the Madison River. It was a beautiful day, the snow was perfect, but God decided He needed a great plumber and took him home to do his calling.

Sam was born in Helena, Montana on July 30, 1938 to Helen (Ring) and Fred Harvey. Soon after his birth, the family moved to Belgrade, Montana until Sam reached the age of eight when they relocated to Kennewick, Washington. He graduated

from Kennewick High School in 1956, and moved to Bozeman, Montana the same year.

Sam met the love of his life, then Sharon Fraser, in 1956, and married her in 1960. Throughout their forty-seven years of marriage, Sam and Sharon were great adventurers, never idle, exploring Europe, Mexico, and much of the United States including Lake Powell, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, and the Inland Passage of Sitka, Alaska.

Sam was employed in the construction industry his entire adult life, working as a general contractor and from 1977 until his death, as a master plumbing contractor.

Sam served on multiple local boards and community groups such as GVSA (Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association), Oversnow Access, Blue Ribbon Coalition, Montana Snowmobile Association, and Citizens for a Balanced Use, all to promote public recreational access on public lands. Sam was tireless in his enthusiasm and support for these causes and infected others to be proactive.

Sam's grandchildren, Nicole and Trent Harvey and Zachary Frieling, were the lights of his life. He was constantly planning for the next great adventure with them, culminating in a trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin this past October to see Sam's beloved Packers and their quarterback, Brett Favre, play.

Sam's zest and passion for life went unmatched. He was respected for his work ethic, revered for his honesty, and loved for his gracious spirit. Everyone always came before Sam. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Harvey and father, Fred Harvey; sisters, Betty Gates and Wally Pinczes, and brother, Sonny.

Sam is survived by his wife, Sharon; son, Bob Harvey (Chere LeClair); daughter, Shanna (Tracy) Frieling; his grandchildren, Nicole and Trent Harvey and Zachary Frieling; sisters, Francis Lee of Wasila, Alaska; Freda Inlow of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Doris Ward of Miles City, MT; Ethie Brothwell and Elinor Pinczes of Bozeman; brothers, Tom Harvey of Belgrade; Richard Harvey of Bozeman; and many beloved relatives and friends.

Sam will be dearly missed.