

**M**artin Roy Polhemus, 67, of Bozeman died unexpectedly on May 14, 2007. Martin was born on October 29, 1939 in Colorado Springs, CO to Roy and Hermina (Fry) Polhemus.

He grew up in Teller and El Paso counties in Colorado. He served in the U.S. Army for three years. During his service, he was a first responder of the Alaskan earthquake of 1964. He was honorably discharged and returned to Colorado.

Martin brought his family to Darby, MT in 1971 and worked for T&L Trucking. In 1973, the family settled in Belgrade, MT where he logged for over thirty years, and owned a firewood business for many years. In his later years, he worked as a ranch hand and as a furniture deliverer.

He was a kind and gentle man, who loved to tell stories about his life experiences. In his younger years, he was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing in the Montana wilderness. He had many lifetime friends in Montana that he truly treasured.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Ernest and Willis Polhemus; sisters, Star Wilcox and Emily Stone; parents, Roy and Hermina Polhemus; and step-mother, Lila Polhemus.

Martin is survived by his son, John Roy Polhemus of Capitola, CA; son-in-law and daughter, Mike and Ann Philp of Colorado Springs, CO; brother, Eddie Polhemus of Hanover, CO; sister-in-law, Edna Polhemus of Florence, CO, and numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Memorial Services will be held at the Fountain Valley Baptist Church in Fountain, CO at a later date. Arrangements were handled by Dokken-Nelson Funeral service.