



Thomas I. Sabo (70) passed away at his home west of Bozeman on Tuesday June 5, 2007. He was born on September 20, 1936 in Bozeman to Dr. Francis and Dorothy “Forbes” Sabo.

Tom was born and raised in Bozeman, attended Holy Rosary Elementary and High School and then attended University of Notre Dame at South Bend, Indiana for his undergraduate degree followed by his law degree from the University of Montana. In 1959, Tom married Stephanie Herbstritt and they had four children. They later divorced in 1975.

Tom was active in numerous community projects. He was district camping chairman for the Boy Scouts of America; president of Riverside Country Club; president and member of the ski patrol for eight years and former director at Bridger Bowl. He was nominated for the House of Delegates at the University of Montana Alumni Association, and was the vice-president of the Gallatin County Bar Association; a member of the Montana Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Judicature’s Society.

He married Dixie Wyrach on March 15, 1998 in Gallatin Gateway, MT. Tom joined the law firm of Drysdale & O’Connell in 1961 and was a Bozeman City Judge from 1969 to the early 1970’s. He was in private law practice for 40 + years and was a candidate for District Judge during those years. He was also a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, was an Eagle Scout and a proud member of the Stacy’s Bar Association. Tom also spent a life-time trying to keep his sons out of jail.

His passions in life were his wife Dixie, his children, grandchildren, his horses, fishing, hunting, gopher shooting, and he loved to entertain.

He is survived by his wife, Dixie of Bozeman; sons, Tom of Phoenix AZ; Mark and wife Jenny of Pony, MT; Matt of Bozeman and daughter, Erin and husband David Claus of Wheaton, IL. Grandchildren, Jason Sabo of Phoenix, AZ; Riley and Kiril Sabo of Pony, MT; David, Jack, Benjamin and Luke Claus of Wheaton, IL; one brother, Dr. Richard and wife Melanie Sabo of Bozeman; mother-in-law, Marie Wyrach of Bozeman and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Sally Sabo Wright.

A vigil service will be held at the Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel at 5 pm Friday with a Funeral Mass being celebrated on Saturday at 11 am at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Cremation has taken place. Memorials in Tom’s name may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, Montana Council 820 17th Ave., South Great Falls, MT 59405-5999 or to the charity of the donor’s choice.