



Michael James Powers, a long-time Bozeman resident and business owner, passed away Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at his home in Spanish Fork, Utah.

Born in Butte on January 12, 1925, Mike's family soon moved to Shelby and then several years later to Livingston where Mike completed high school. Immediately upon his graduation from high school, Mike was shipped to England to join American forces fighting in Europe during World War II. On Christmas Eve, 1944, during his transport from England to France, Mike's transport ship, the Belgian troopship *Leopoldville* was torpedoed by a German submarine and sunk in the English Channel. He was one of the lucky survivors of that tragic event and went on to fight throughout France until the end of the war.

Mike married Jacqueline Tout in Helena on July 1, 1950. The couple moved to Havre where a daughter and son were born, and then to Helena where another daughter and son joined the family. After briefly living in Livingston, Mike and his family moved to Bozeman in 1959.

Mike owned and operated several businesses in Bozeman including Willson Avenue Conoco, located on the corner of Olive and Willson Avenue. He was the first owner of Snap-On tools in Bozeman and in 1972 he bought the Exxon jobbership and was a fuel and oil distributor until his retirement in 1980. He and his wife, Jacque took pleasure in their years of retirement which included a move to Grants Pass, Oregon in 1988. They enjoyed living in their home in the woods until 1993 at which time they returned to Bozeman where they lived until Jacque's death in 2004.

In September, 2005, Mike married Eva Christianson in Pleasant Grove, Utah. The newly wed couple enjoyed trips to Hawaii, Alaska and Michigan. They recently purchased a new home and were settling into their new surroundings in Spanish Fork, Utah at the time of Mike's death.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret and Jim Powers, his wife of 54 years, Jacqueline Powers and two sisters, Jane Jackson and Sheila Bowles. He is survived by his wife, Eva Christianson; four children, his daughter, Sheila Marler and her husband Brian and their children, Colby, Angie, Maria, David, Stephanie and Max; his son, Jim Powers and his wife Stacy, and their children Katie and Andy; his daughter, Katie Cash and her husband Dennis, and their children Luke and Adrienne; and his son, John Powers and his wife Shelle and their children Dylan and Audrey. He is also survived by three nieces, a nephew, and five great-grandchildren. He is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints and maintained many close and enduring friendships with the members of the congregations in Bozeman and in Pleasant Grove and Spanish Fork, Utah.

A gathering for friends and family will be held at Dokken-Nelson from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 25, followed by a graveside service at Sunset Hills Cemetery. All friends and family are invited to attend.