



Billy Jay Montgomery, age 57, was taken to Heaven on Saturday, September 26, 2009, after a courageous battle with Chronic Immune Demyelinating Polyneuropathy. Bill was born the third of six children on December 22, 1951, in Butte, MT, to Josephine and William James Montgomery. He spent his childhood running around Walkerville, MT, with his sister and brothers. Bill loved playing sports; baseball, basketball, track, and especially football for the Butte High Bulldogs. After graduating high school in 1971, he attended Eastern Montana State College in Billings for a few years.

In 1967 he met the love of his life, Madelyn Ferguson, while working on a ranch in the Big Hole Valley. They married on February 22, 1975 and lived in Billings for two years before moving to Bozeman. Bill was passionate about residential construction. In 1983 Bill, his dad, his brothers, and three 15-year-old kids built the home his family still lives in today. He then went on the road trucking three million miles across the United States in his semi truck. Bill left his trucking career to be at home with his family and worked at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds for five years. He then worked as a custodian at Sacagawea Middle School for 3 years and loved his job.

Bill and Madelyn had three children whom he loved very much. Bill enjoyed family activities and was always helping his family with various projects. He loved family get-togethers and fishing and hunting in the Big Hole Valley.

Bill is preceded in death by his son, Justin Fergus Montgomery; father, William James Montgomery.

Bill is survived by his wife, Madelyn; daughter, Jan; son, Will; Mother, Josephine of Butte; sister, Bonnie (Joe) Carroll; brothers, Bruce Montgomery, Jim (Lucy) Montgomery, and Gary (Lyn) Montgomery all of Butte, MT and John (Angela) Montgomery of Billings, MT; sister-in-law, Melody (John) Mitchell of Wisdom, MT; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Bill's life ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, October 1, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman where Bill was a member. The burial will be Friday at the Wisdom Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the First Presbyterian Church Children's Educations Program, 26 W. Babcock Street, Bozeman, MT 59715 or Eagle Mount, 6901 Goldenstein Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715.