



William Allen Phillips, 68, of Bozeman passed away from natural causes Sept 13, 2007 at his home. Bill was born Oct 8, 1938 in New York City, to Leonard and Marion Phillips. He was raised and attended school in Hartford, CT. After graduation he entered the U.S. army from 1959-1962. He served as a construction draftsman, demolition expert and a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division where he completed 28 jumps. He received a good conduct medal and an appointment to West Point during his service. He married Bettyann Snipes on June 25, 1960 in Hartford, CT. They had five wonderful children together and were divorced in 1985.

After the service he returned to Hartford CT where he worked at various entrepreneurial enterprises. He relocated his family to Bozeman in 1969.

Bill received his BA in Sociology with a minor in Psychology from Montana State University. He then went on to earn a Masters degree in Management from Rollins College in Winter Park, FL.

Bill married Pam Hruska on Sept 6, 1987. They built many businesses together and Pam remained his partner, lover, and friend for the remainder of his life.

Beginning in 1997 he and Pam began to develop Phillips Environmental Products, based on a concept from his father, who was an inventor credited with over 90 patents. He and Pam developed a product used by FEMA, the U.S. Military, in our National Parks and by outdoor enthusiasts. The Governor honored Bill with the Montana Ambassadors Entrepreneur of the Year award in 2004. The business, emphasizing a cleaner environment, has been featured often throughout the media, including the front page of the New York Times on Sept 5th of 2007.

Bill loved his family and cherished every opportunity to share his knowledge, wisdom, and philosophies of life. He displayed a remarkable gift of self motivation and initiative in all his endeavors. He instilled the work ethic within each of his children, and lived a life of honor and dignity and loved unconditionally. Bill also had great appreciation for the outdoors and his interests included hunting, trapping, exploring, reading, writing, and photography. He traveled throughout the world. He was recently invited to join the Explorers Club, whose members have included Theodore Roosevelt and Admiral Byrd. He truly lived the active life.

Bill admired the life of Theodore Roosevelt and chose an additional 13 mentors. He was a voracious reader and continually looked to the best thinkers to sharpen his intellect. He lived his life with intensity and passion.

Bill is survived by his wife Pam, his five children; Pam (Dale) Halgren, William Leonard (Amy) Phillips, Brian Phillips, Matthew Phillips and Aaron Phillips, two stepchildren; Robin Hruska Myer (Dave) and Bruce Hruska. His 13 grandchildren are; Eric, Heather and Amanda Halgren, Matthew and Derek Phillips, David, Daniel and Lydia Phillips, Gunner and Sabrina Phillips, Aidan Phillips, Josh and Levi Hruska Myer. He is also survived by his sister Betty Phillips.

A celebration of his life will be held at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept 18. This will be followed by a reception. Internment in the Clyde Park Cemetery will be at 3 p.m.