



**M**ilton "Milt" Freeland, 86, Gallatin Valley native and life-long resident, passed away peacefully, Saturday, November 8, 2008 surrounded by family.

Milt was born October 16, 1922 to Jack and Minnie (Williams) Freeland. He attended schools at Valley View, Menard, and Pass Creek in his early years. In 1936, the family moved to a farm on Durston Road where he lived until he enlisted in the Navy. Milt graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1940.

Milt enlisted in the Navy on May 4, 1944. He served as a Seaman First Class in the South Pacific until he was honorably discharged May 17, 1946. After leaving the Navy, Milt returned to Bozeman and married Rose Leach. They had three children, Vicki, Shad, and Darrell. They were later divorced.

Milt married Betty Hallstead Hash on February 7, 1964. Betty's two children, Ron and Donna, then joined the family.

Milt worked various jobs in Bozeman before going to work at the service shop at Montana State University. He retired from the service shop October 29, 1982 after twenty-five years.

He was a long-standing member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles and the Red Red Rose. He was also an avid fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Minnie Freeland; brother, Leo Freeland, and step-son, Ron Hash.

Milt is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Donna (Steve) Luther; Vickie Lutz; Shad Barney; Darrell Freeland; and unofficially adopted son, Bartz Englishoe; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters, Louise (Denny) Williams and Doris (Joe) Quinn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, November 13 at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel. Private family interment in Salesville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter,  
1549 E. Cameron Bridge, Rd., Bozeman, MT 59718