



## Bert W. Markovich

October 3, 1919 - May 10, 2016

Bert Markovich, 96, passed away Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at Big Sky Living where he had resided for the past five years. Bert was born on October 3, 1919, in Dillon, MT, the son of Bartol and Mary (Rebich) Markovich, immigrants who came to America from Plemenitas and Stari Trg, Austria-Hungary. Shortly after his birth the family moved to Butte so his dad could work in the mines.

In 1925 Bert entered Greeley school; he was unable to speak English and tasked with not only learning the new language but also with coming home and teaching it to his parents, which he did. Bert graduated from Butte High School in 1937 and shortly thereafter enrolled in Butte Business College, graduating in 1938. In 1939 he began his work career at Montana Leather Company, a MacPherson family leather and shoe-finding business with operations throughout the western United States. Bert's relationship with the MacPherson family lasted over 47 years, a partnership that was beneficial for both sides.

In 1942 Bert enlisted in the Army and was stationed in the Persian Gulf doing administrative tasks including decoding and recoding various communications. One of the highlights of his tenure in the Army was being present for the Tehran Conference—attended by Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin—where plans for the Allied invasion of France were discussed.

In 1945 Bert returned home from the war and resumed his career at Montana Leather Company. On October 6, 1951, he married Mildred Prothero, and they

spent the next 50 years together until her death in 2001. Together they formed a great partnership, each of them able to promote his or her own separate but compatible values and beliefs. Bert cherished his family and he remained involved in all of our lives until the end.

Bert was preceded in death by his parents, Bartol and Mary; infant son Michael; sister and brother-in-law Dorothy and Bill Beaulieu; sisters and brothers-in-law Ed and Irene Kelly, Curly and Mary Wold, Jack and Loretta Prothero, Mick and Helen Paffhausen; and daughter-in law Mary (Greg) Markovich.

Survivors include sons and daughter Bert (Theresa) Markovich, Mill Creek, WA; Greg Markovich, Houston, TX; Kevin (Jane) Markovich, Butte, MT; Janet (Scott) Hoversland, Casper, WY; and Steve (Monica), Markovich, Houston, TX. In addition, grandchildren Megan, Matt, and Joe Markovich; Annie, Mike (Sophia), Pat, and Katie Markovich; Erin, Dan, and Tom Markovich; Rachel, Marcus, Stephen, and Laura Hoversland; and Lizzie, Grace, Stevie, and Sam Markovich. Heartfelt thanks goes out to all his loyal and trusting friends who stayed with him to the end, especially Dunk Darragh, Jim and Sharon Leary, Ralph McCaughey, and countless others.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a charity of donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

4700 Harrison Avenue  
Butte, MT 59701

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Ann's Church  
2100 Farragut Avenue  
Butte, AK 59701  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ So so sorry for your loss he was a wonderful man and will be missed. If there is anything we can do please please let us know. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Joko and Erin Stajcar*

Erin Stajcar - May 16, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Bert W. Markovich.



May 16, 2016 at 12:28 PM



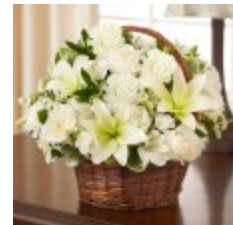
“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Bert W. Markovich.



May 16, 2016 at 11:33 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Bert W. Markovich.



May 16, 2016 at 08:51 AM

JL

“ I was sad to see that Bert passed away. About a month ago I went and saw him. He remembered me however he said he was 93. We talked about all our memories and it was fun to talk to him. Such a nice man and I will never forget Milly! When I left gave him a kiss on his forehead he thanked me for coming to see him and said come back Judy. The Markovich family has been a part of my life for my whole life. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone. Hope he says hi to Fred and Ruth Cobb. Judy (Cobb) Lawrence

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**Judy Lawrence** - May 15, 2016 at 08:33 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Bert W. Markovich.



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May 15, 2016 at 11:12 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Bert W. Markovich.



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May 13, 2016 at 03:07 PM

DM

“ Kevin and family I am sorry you hear about your Dad. I actually got to see him last fall when he was sitting down in the lobby at Waterford. He will now be looking down and watching out for his family in heaven.

*Denis Markovich*

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**Denis Markovich** - May 13, 2016 at 01:20 PM

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“ I'm reminded of how much my mom and dad liked Bert and the whole family. The times I spent with Bert at the Montana Leather will always hold a special place in my heart. I know that the folks are having a great time in heaven. Times spent with your family will always be special memories. You're in my thought and prayers. Rita Rodoni



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**rita rodoni** - May 13, 2016 at 11:09 AM

KM

“ We are so sorry for your loss, and we wish we could be there. We knew Bert through Kevin Markovich, and wife, Jane. We are so grateful for Kevin, his humor, his faithfulness, things I'm sure he learned from his father. May you have peace as you grieve Bert's passing, assured he is with Our Lord and Millie forever! Love you, Kathy and Scott Middleton

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**Kathy Middleton** - May 12, 2016 at 09:51 PM