



Bobby Ray Velvick

July 27, 1936 - June 19, 2026

Mr. Bobby Ray Velvick passed away Friday, June 19, 2026 at his home in Butte. He was born Monday, July 27, 1936 in Bakersfield, California to Daniel and Nettie Velvick. He attended schools in Wasco, California, graduating from Wasco Union High School in 1954. While in high school Bobby played in the band. He moved to Butte in 1955 where he started working in the Kelly Mine. He met Emil Buck Jr. who introduced him to Buck's sister Doreen. He and Doreen Opal Buck were married on August 20, 1956. They made their home in Butte, Colstrip and Elko, Nevada the back to Colstrip where Bobby retired from Peabody Coal Company (Big Sky Mining) in 1998. After retiring in 1998 he and Doreen returned to Butte.

Doreen passed away in 2014. He is also preceded in death by his parents and siblings, his daughters, Cathy Pesanti and Deborah McLaughlin and grandson, Eric Schelin.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth Schelin and Kathy Schelin of Walkerville, son-in-law, Joseph Pesanti of Butte and sister-in-law, Judy Boze of Fresno, California. Grandchildren: Dana Schelin, Cody Pesanti, Tony Pesanti (Rochelle), Casey Pesanti (Sara) and Tanner Pesanti (Anna), Shane McLaughlin (Corinne) and Sean McLaughlin. Great-grandchildren include: Abby and Ethan Rice, Jack and Will Pesanti, Johnny, Maria and Clay Pesanti, Enzo and Jeva Pesanti, Doon and Baine McLaughlin, Hayden and Brin McLaughlin. He loved them all.

Bobby enjoyed fishing and tinkering with old cars. He was an avid reader and

also like to make home videos. He was a member of the United Mine Workers Union and served as a union steward. More than anything he was a family man who dearly loved his family. He was the rock that kept the family together. He will be very missed.

Cremation has taken place. Private family entombment of ashes will take place in Mountain View Cemetery, where he will be reunited with Doreen.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701