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With profound sadness and heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Carl Staley, who left us on May 18, 2024, in the comforting presence of his beloved wife, Diana. Born in the rustic settings of Mud Lake, Idaho, Carl's early years were marked by a spirited upbringing before he set roots in Dillon, Montana, a place he cherished deeply throughout his adult life.

Carl was the treasured son of Roy and Mildred Staley, raised alongside his siblings Tony (Marie), Bill, Ward, Mary, and Betsy-whom is the last to survive him. His marriage to Diana in 1968 blossomed into 56 years of unwavering companionship, during which they nurtured a family-centered home, celebrating each birthday, holiday, and new family member with immense joy and togetherness.

A veritable jack of all trades, Carl's adept hands fixed anything that broke, embodying a resourceful and hardworking spirit. After serving his country with pride in the Army, Carl embraced the rugged life of a true Montana cowboy, often fondly reminiscing about his days in Horse Prairie. He later owned a carpentry business and shared many years on the road as a long-distance truck driver with his brother, Tony.

Devout in his Christian faith, Carl was also a skilled artist and a keen political observer, often found engrossed in discussions or watching his favorite channel, Fox News, into the late hours of the evening. His legacy as a loving father and grandfather extends to his children—Cindy (Randy), Dan, Brad (Deanna), Adam, Elaina (Rob), Eric (Kaity), Tammy, and Carla—and to his 16 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, who saw in him a jokester but also a pillar of strength and love.

A celebration of Carl's life will be held at a later date to honor the indelible mark he left on all who knew him, ensuring that his memory and spirit continue to resonate deeply within our hearts.

Tribute Wall



“ Blessings to all the family from Paul & Mary Ann Timmerman. Carl was a very dear and faithful friend for the many years that we lived in Dillon. We still have the dining room table and benches that Carl so skillfully and fugally made for us back in the eighties. Our one wish has been that the Lord would grant us one more visit in this life, but now it will be Heaven. To all of you in the family that we knew, and the rest of the additions, our hope is that you will walk with the Lord in the personal relationship that Carl did. God bless and keep you!

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