



Mr Donald Wayne Tiedemann

February 20, 1937 - September 30, 2015

Mr. Donald Wayne Tiedemann passed away Wednesday evening in a local nursing home. He was born in Landusky, Montana February 20, 1937 to Arthur F. and Pauline (Wombold) Tiedemann. Donald was raised and educated in Anaconda and served his country in the US Military. He worked as an underground miner and was given a heroic medal of honor for his services in the Sunshine Mine Disaster of May 2, 1972 in Idaho. Donald was the first rescuer to be lowered back down into the mine in a cage following the fire only to find 91 miners had perished.

He and Patricia Miller were married January 24, 1966 in Coeur D' Alene, Idaho and together they made their home in Butte. Donald was an avid sports fan, especially of football and eventually made a football fan out of Patricia as well. She survives. Also surviving are his daughter, Shelly Tiedemann of Twin Falls, ID, son and daughter-in-law, Jody and Amanda Tiedemann of Boise, his step-children, James T. and Colleen Miller of Butte, Garrett A. and Cathy Miller of Butte, Tina M. and Gordon Mellott of Spokane, 17 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, his sister and brother-in-law, Audrey and Bob Lindey of Great Falls, his sister-in-law, Jeanette Tiedemann of Anaconda, his brother-in-law and sisters-in-law: Willard and Sharon Miller, Prudence Cooper, Sharon Pettersen, Karen Miller, Jack Leppanen, Vicky Cook, Sandy Cook and Darlene Corrigan. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.