



Earl Richard Sholey Jr.

April 3, 1936 - October 26, 2020

Earl Richard Sholey Jr. passed away Monday morning, October 26, 2020 at his home in Butte. He was born in Anaconda on Friday, April 3, 1936 to Earl and Joyce (Moses) Sholey. He attended schools in Anaconda and Butte and married his true love and best girl, Diane Wulf on January 21, 1956. They were married 64 years and together raised 6 awesome children, Sherri, Earl, Tammy, John, Frank and Dee.

Earl worked in the Butte mines for five years before beginning his painting career. He was an apprentice in Dillon with Wes Hunt then worked for Oliver Nystrom and later partnered with his good friend, Mike Haggerty. He had his own painting business and painted for the Legion Oasis for 25 years before retiring. Earl served as the president of the Painters Union, Local 720 from 1960 to 1963.

The joy of Earl's life was his wife, children, grandchildren and family. He loved Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, his annual Easter egg hunt and the 39+ years living in Whitehall. He enjoyed many Father's Day and birthday barbeques and horseshoe tournaments. He loved the family annual camping trips to Copper Creek and Moose Lake, riding many four-wheeler trails with his sons and brother-in-law, John Wulf. Earl was passionate and loved volunteering at the World Museum of Mining and enjoyed talking with the visitors. He also volunteered at St. James Healthcare.

Earl is survived by his wife, Diane Sholey of Butte, his children, Sherri and Brian Dankers of Denver, CO, Earl B. and Lisa Sholey of Butte, Tammy and

Russ Larson of Butte, John and Lori Sholey of Butte, Frank and Charlene Sholey of Helena and Diane "Dee" Shell of Denver. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Carol, Bert, Joyce and Jack. Memorials in memory of Mr. Sholey may be made to the World Museum of Mining or St. James Healthcare Auxiliary Scholarship Program.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 5:00 AM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home
1800 Florence Ave
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 723-3221
<https://wayrynen-richards.com/>

Service

OCT **30**. 1:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Just wanted to say I love you Uncle Earl w/all my heart,you are the last of the mohicans (figure of speech) may god be with you...,please say hello to my dad,not a day goes by, that I don't miss him & has left a huge whole in my heart,Grandma & Grandpa Sholey,Aunt Joyce,Uncle Bert & Aunt Carole. Please tell them how much I love & miss them,one day I hope & pray we will all be together again,just like it was on the Sholey ranch,thank you for all the beautiful memories...Christmas breakfast,Annual Easter Egg Hunt,4th of July (you always put a smile on my face) & most of all Copper Creek, where you used to sing to me sitting around the campfire on your harmonica Katie beautiful Katie😭 those were the days etched on my heart....Great big hugs to all my cousins on the ranch,who we spent countless hrs.up at the barn playing basketball,jumping off the barn,bb gun fights,riding our motorcycles,etc...may god be with you all today,I will be there in spirit from across the miles. love you all. Most of all Tell Aunt Diane I love her so much🙏🙌🙏😭 Love Always Cathy



Catherine Caldwell - October 31, 2020 at 08:12 AM

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“ Dear Aunt D, Sher, Earl, Tam, John, Frank and Dee:
My Deepest Condolences on your loss. To all of my cousin's and the many grandchildren and great grandchildren. I will always remember the good times up Copper Creek, the hikes and the trips to Moose Lake. Uncle Earl & Aunt Diane always included me after Dad died and as big of a pain in the butt it might have been to bring along an extra they kid they always did. They were so gracious and good to me. I'll forever remember the Easter's and the many holidays and party's. Uncle always told me he was proud of me and told me that Dad would be proud of me! That always meant so much! I hope it brings some comfort to know he is home with God and his many family members!

I'm truly saddened to not have gotten the opportunity to attend in person. Love and prayers!

Neil Benjamin Sholey

Neil Sholey - October 28, 2020 at 05:40 PM

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“ Diane,
We are so sorry for your loss. I bet "little" Earl (as we called him) is having a wonderful reunion with his siblings, mother/father, my mom (Esther Werst) and so many more.
I let my brother Don know that "little" Earl passed away. He also is sending his condolences.
One thing I want to say is Thank you and Earl. When Mom passed away you, Earl, and Carole were there to help us through our grief.
Thank you.

God be with you all during this very hard time.

Tonna Werst Strasko

Tonna Strasko - October 28, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Earl Richard Sholey Jr..



October 28, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of this tremendous loss, I have been a fan of your family for years, knowing many of you and the love you've shared with each other as well as those around you has been an inspiration. Happy Memories live in the heart, please try to remember that yours are full and beautiful! Deepest sympathies to all, Cathy & Kelly Maloney*

Cathy Maloney - October 28, 2020 at 01:19 PM