



Floyd C. Bossard

January 24, 1929 - May 18, 2017

The eldest of five children borne to Calvin and Amelia Bossard, Floyd made his appearance on this earth January 24, 1929. He was raised in the Goosetown neighborhood of Anaconda. After graduating from Anaconda High School, he earned a bachelors degree in Geological Engineering from the Montana School of Mines and later a masters degree in Industrial Hygiene/Environmental Sciences from the University of Cincinnati.

June 1951, Floyd married the Butte girl who stole his heart, Margaret Jewel Nevin, and they raised three children: Julie (Candace Royer), Janice Elliott and Brian Bossard (Terri). Family was the center of his existence and Floyd was the proud grandfather of Jessica Diric (Andy), Jocelyn Taylor (Drew), Scott Elliott (Siobhan), Sean Elliott (Crystal) and Ryan Bossard and the cherished "Papa" to ten great grandchildren – Elena, Avery, Aubrie, Ashton, Hunter, Marisol, Mollie, Amaia, Brynn and Andrew. Floyd is also survived by his siblings Mark Bossard (Nancy), Wayne Bossard and Vera Dick (Bob); sister in law, Margaret Bossard; brother in law, Joe Nevin; and his deeply loved and very special nieces and nephews: Dona Ball, Dan Riley, David Riley and Julie Suek and numerous great nieces and nephews. His brother, Richard Bossard, passed away May 16th, just two days before Floyd.

Floyd's legacy in the mining industry began in 1948 at the Mountain Con Mine in Butte while a student. After graduation from the School of Mines, Floyd

continued his employment with the Anaconda Copper Mining Company for nineteen years. Over the course of his career, he worked as a mining engineer, planning engineer, ventilation engineer, construction superintendent and as chief ventilation and industrial hygiene engineer.

In 1969, Floyd became an Associate Professor at Montana Tech and, as a visionary who recognized the need to train engineers and scientists who could solve our environmental challenges and protect the well-being of employees, he led the effort to establish the first bachelor of science program in environmental engineering (1972) and, subsequently, the first bachelor of science degree program in Occupational Safety and Health (1976) in an all mineral/petroleum oriented university in the United States. While he continued to be involved in both programs, Floyd retired from teaching in 1979 and continued his work as a consultant in mine ventilation and environmental engineering for another thirty years. Recognized internationally as a leading expert on underground mine ventilation design, his work took him to such locales as Mexico, Chile, Indonesia, Northwest Territories and New Brunswick, England and Australia.

Intent on sharing the knowledge and experience gained over his lifetime, Floyd co-authored "Mine Ventilation Design Practices", a practical text for mine ventilation engineers. And, as a tribute to his love of mining and the people of Butte who sacrificed and contributed to the copper mining industry, Floyd authored "Butte: The Richest Hill on Earth". This was the story of the history of Butte underground mining, the industrial revolution driving this country's appetite for copper and the contributions of the various immigrant populations to the Butte mines.

In addition to being acknowledged as a Distinguished Alumnus (1980), in 2015, Floyd Bossard received the Chancellor's Medallion at the Montana Tech commencement. This award recognizes an alumnus who has excelled in both

their educational and professional careers.

Floyd was active in the community, lighting the Mountain Con Mine head frame; creating a memorial wall at the Mining Museum recognizing those who lost their lives in the mines; building the arch at the entrance of Montana Tech; and in the Rotary Club. Floyd was an active member of St. Ann's parish.

Always an outspoken advocate for the importance of education and in continued support of his alma mater, Montana Tech, Floyd and Margaret established the Margaret and Floyd Bossard Endowed Scholarship. In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting this endowed scholarship at Montana Tech, St. Ann Church, Butte Emergency Food Bank or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

4700 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM (MT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
2100 Farragut Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Rosary

MAY 22. 7:00 PM (MT)

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2100 Farragut Avenue
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Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

KG

“ Floyd took me to a Montana Tech football game circa 1971 to see Don Heater play. I was 11 or 12. I was one of many Renouard / Gilmore children & then & now I thought it was so cool he asked, hey do you want to go see this game? Yes! Then the last time I saw him we had breakfast at the M&M with Marg & he seemingly knew everyone. I just always enjoyed talking with him, such a brilliant man & cool & funny, just great. Everyone in my family loved Floyd & Marg Bossard.

Kevin Gilmore - September 05, 2021 at 03:02 PM

VS

“ We are deeply saddened by Floyds passing. As our very first friends, as a married couple, far from home, we shall forever cherish our friendship of 65 years. Our condolences, prayers and love go out to Marge and all the family..a family that treated us like one of theirs. Vince and Elenor Sordello Jacksonville, NC

Vincent Sordello - May 24, 2017 at 01:59 PM

KS

“ Floyd was a true inspiration to me as he led me through the Environmental Engineering program at Montana Tech. Our families were good friends, and I always knew Floyd to be a man of high integrity, faith and commitment to his family, friends and students. He inspired many students to pursue a good and much needed career path. He was kind, empathetic, but made his students work hard, and for that I thank him. My deepest condolences go to Margaret, Julie, Janice and Brian, and their respective families. He will never be forgotten. I feel honored to have known Floyd. Karen Stout

Karen Stout - May 23, 2017 at 05:16 PM

JP

“ Floyd was a man of integrity, values and faith. I respected him and will miss him. Floyd and Marg took me under their wing during my father's illness and after his death. They included me in Georgetown Lake gatherings. Floyd, himself, dragged me around that lake trying to get my sorry backside up out of the water and onto water skis proving he was both stubborn and persistent. He was fearless. As an example of this, I offer the annual wood gathering trips. He would load up the old pickup and drive these incredibly narrow, winding roads. And steep, did I mention steep? The curves were so tight that the truck couldn't make the turns necessitating backing up to straighten out and try again. It struck terror into the heart of my young, adolescent self. But somehow, we always made it back intact with a full load of wood. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Janie Payne

Janie Payne - May 22, 2017 at 05:27 PM

SB

“ To Floyd's family and friends,

Blessings to you and to Floyd's soul, now at rest. I feel fortunate to have known Floyd--truly a man for all seasons, an impeccable person, family man, professional, and much more. His legacy is secure.

*Sincerely,
Sally Bardsley*

Sally Bardsley - May 22, 2017 at 04:04 PM

TS

“ I will always remember Floyd's welcoming hugs and wonderful smile. All the times we spent at Georgetown Lake. He taught Kevin to fish and cleaning it was not giving the fish a" bath". He has been and will continue to be a role model for us to emulate. We will miss him terribly....the East Coast Shannons

Tim and Mary Shannon - May 22, 2017 at 10:57 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Floyd C. Bossard.



May 22, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Floyd C. Bossard.



May 21, 2017 at 02:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Floyd C. Bossard.



May 21, 2017 at 02:01 PM