



Gordon Ballensky

June 18, 1941 - June 8, 2020

Gordon Ballensky passed away Monday, June 8, 2020 in St. James Healthcare. He was born Wednesday, June 18, 1941 in Beulah, North Dakota to George and Ida (Unruh) Ballensky. Gordon grew up in Columbia Falls and Butte, graduating from Butte High School. He joined the United States Navy and upon his discharge return to the Northwest where he ensued upon a tungsten mining career in Montana and Wallace Idaho at the Galena Mining Company. During one of the major mining strikes in Butte Gordon moved to Colorado where he worked for the Elk River Concrete Company but soon returned to Montana where he worked as a self-employed miner and eventually retired from the Anaconda Company in the Berkeley Pit operations. He enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and has probably been exploring to every mountain lake in Montana. Gordon and his cousin Eddie Ballensky were involved in everything together growing up they seemed inseparable at times. Gordon married Bonnie June Seyler on December 31, 1962 in Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Butte and she preceded him in death on November 23, 2015. He is also preceded his parents and brother, Norman Ballensky. Survivors include his five sisters, Shirley, Arlene, Loretta, Mary and Doris, His brothers, Merlin and Mark and their wives, his son and daughter-in-law, Gordon and Martha Ballensky, daughter, Jackie James all of Butte, grandchildren: Tony and Alanna Ballensky, Joshua and Brooke Ballensky, Kyle and Kayla Ballensky, Damien Frownfelter and Zach and Jessie Pidgeon and 13 Great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services and a celebration of his life will be conducted at a later date and will be announced. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the St. James staff and nurses, as well as Compassus Hospice for all the care and love that they showed in the final days.

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“ Sending prayers for comfort and strength during this most difficult time in the passing of Gordon.

IUOE Local 400, Board, Member and Staff - July 14, 2020 at 10:50 AM

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“ Gordon was a special friend to all of us at the Belmont Senior Center. I enjoyed eating lunch with him. He always had a kind word for everyone. Even the last days the Belmont was open he always had a smile. He never complained and always told me he was doing good. Going to miss him. A friend from the Belmont, Kathy



Kathy - June 11, 2020 at 11:31 AM