



## Loren Floyd Hines

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Loren Floyd Hines, a beloved partner, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, endeared and admired R.N., passed away unexpectedly of natural causes at his home on April 24, 2025.

Loren's fiancée refers to him as a true Renaissance man. In 1971 he quit high school, married Patty Toth, joined the army and became a father. In 1972, he was promoted to Sergeant. He and Patty had two children and later divorced. After 6 years of military service, he was honorably discharged and returned to Montana where he worked as an auto mechanic, bank repo-man, and volunteered at Highlands Hospice while attending nursing school. Only eleven years after he joined the service, he graduated from college and passed the Nursing Boards, and 2 years later was promoted to head nurse of Pediatrics and Pediatrics ICU, and later Clinical Manager of the Regional Cancer Treatment Center. In 1988 he left St. James and became the first full-time employee of Highlands Hospice. Later, he worked as a Director in Dillon, MT, and a traveling nurse while also working as a caretaker of working ranches. In 1994 he was hired as a Medical Case Manager by Easter Seals and promoted to Director of Highlands Hospice in 1995 and later Senior Director of Clinical Services. He also worked at Granite County Medical Center and Fresenius Dialysis Center. He retired in 2017. During this and several

subsequent attempts to retire, Loren worked his own ranch, developed and worked a food truck business (a childhood dream), became a certified master gardener, volunteered several places including the Butte Literacy Program, spent time with his grandchildren, and continued to work as a nurse and in hospices.

During all of this, Loren was dedicated to being the best partner, father, and grandfather that he could be. He would like to be remembered as 1) always striving to provide, 2) being an honest gentleman, 3) having made a difference and working hard, and 4) trying to love.

Before the age of 20 Loren was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, and military comrades, and later by 2 of 3 brothers. He is survived by his fiancée, Sandra Booth, his children Joleen Hines and Raul Hines, seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home in Butte at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6. A reception will follow at a location to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to make a gift to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butte, the Grace Fund Foundation in Butte, or another charity of choice. Loren's legacy lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and the innumerable individuals and families that he served as a nurse. Loren was, in the words of Robert Redford in the movie Jeremiah Johnson, "a fine figure of a man, that is all you need to know."

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home

1800 Florence Ave

Butte, MT 59701

(406) 723-3221

<https://wayrynen-richards.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ I just came across this obit and wanted to remember Loren. He was quite an unusual man. He trusted me to care for his children at a critical time and because of that trust I experienced one of the most gratifying times of my life. Joleen and Raul were two people I have never forgot and I pray that the pain of this entirely too early loss will heal in time. May his family always remember the good times. David Smith

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**David Smith** - August 06, 2025 at 03:11 PM

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“ Joleen, Raul, Sandra with family,  
So sorry to hear about Loren. He affected so many lives with his time, patience & compassion. Being a single dad when not many fathers came to the plate, made 2 great adults! He was also able to accomplish his goals & passions. He' ll remain in your hearts & your actions. Thinking of you Phyllis

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**Phyllis Costello** - May 12, 2025 at 03:55 PM

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“ Very sorry to hear of Loren's passing. I worked with him a couple of different times. He was a very caring and kind person and a great nurse. My condolences to his family. He will be missed by many.  
From Vickie Opie (Hawkins)

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**Vickie Opie** - April 29, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Loren Floyd Hines.*



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April 28, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Loren Floyd Hines.

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April 28, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ *So sorry to here about Loren!! He was a great person and a great nurse very kind to everyone!! He gave me my start in working with hospice!! He believed in me and I am so ever grateful!! RIP my friend. From Fran Harvey*

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**Frances Harvey** - April 28, 2025 at 01:48 PM