



Melvyn Douglas Rowling

February 16, 1940 - November 19, 2023

Melvyn D. Rowling passed away on November 19th, 2023. He was born on February 16, 1940 in Butte, MT to Douglas Rowling and Mildred Luoma Rowling. He often spoke in detail (with a grin on his face) about his youth and misadventures in 1940's and 1950's Butte. He loved telling about delivering papers through the red light district and his misdeeds with explosives. Melvyn spent much of his childhood at the family ranch in Roberts, MT.

At 18, he joined the Air Force where he learned drafting, illustration and surveying and claimed to see things that he could never tell us about while working in the White Sands missile range. He also served in Hawaii and Nellis Air Force base.

After his honorable discharge from the Air Force Melvyn worked for the Anaconda Company as a land surveyor for many years in both Butte and Tucson. After the closure of the Anaconda Company he worked at Alpha Engineers Montana until he started his own company Rowling's Technical Services. Melvyn was passionate about mining and geology. He spent most of his free time in pursuit of striking it rich with his mining claims. He also served as vice-president and president for the Citizens Technical Environmental Committee for the Upper Clark Fork Drainage in the early 90's

Melvyn had three children with his first wife - Cindy, Alan and Barbara. He then met the love of his life Shirley Cuchine Rowling and together they had his youngest son Douglas.

He loved fly-fishing, hunting, riding Honda 90's, his pet birds and pet pisser dogs. He and his family had many great adventures in his yellow CJ5 Jeep. Most of all, he loved his family and was always happiest when everyone was together and he had someone to tease. His younger brother, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews all have so many stories they could tell including snipe hunting, furnace monsters, firefly hunting, and many others as well as his many silly phrases and jokes.

Melvyn was preceded in death by his parents, his oldest son Alan, his sister Darlene, his

brothers-in-law Jim, Bud, Dave and Jerry and his sister-in-law Denise.

We would like to thank his caregivers for all of their help and support over the last several years from the VA, Encompass and Visiting Angels along with Mel and Shirley's special friend Anna.

Cremation has taken place. A remembrance gathering will be held next year. See you 'round like a toilet seat. Every once in a while.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 6. 12:00 PM (MT)

Mountain Con Picnic Pavillion
Butte, MT 59701

Tribute Wall

HJ

“ I wanted to send my sincere condolences to my friend, Barb (Rowling) Monroe and Brian Smith of Trout Creek, MT., Cindy (Rowling) Hendricks and her husband Tom of Marysville, WA. Also to their Mom Linda Monroe of Coeur d’Alene, ID, their brother Alan Rowling and wife Shirley of Belfair, WA.

Condolences to all of Melvyn’s much loved Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren as well during this difficult time. It’s been years since I met hm but I recall what a cool man he was.

Just remember that you will all be together again one day in eternity and nothing but joy will fill your hearts forever.

John 16:22 Now is the time of your grief but I will see you again and you will rejoice and no one will take your joy.

Melvyn left such a legacy of love in all of you. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Helen Johnston - December 02, 2023 at 02:33 PM

BS

“ What a nice obituary for a great man. Mel was always fun to talk to, I loved talking to him about his mine, hunting and the history of the Butte area. I wish I could have gone into his mine with him, you will be greatly missed Mel.

Brian Smith - November 25, 2023 at 11:34 AM

BM

“ I love you Dad. I will never forget all the fun times we had. You taught me many of my life's talents, skills and interests, but most importantly to be honest, respect your elders and love your family. I remember camping, rock hounding, vacationing in Hawaii, watching Disney movie of the week on Sundays before going home to Mom.

I remember the giant snowman you, Cindy, Alan and myself made. Our sleds for us 3 and snowmobiles suits to keep us warm.

Going to cut a fresh Christmas tree and looking at Christmas lights with you. So many wonderful times Dad. Those are just a few.

Brian and Brianne wish they could have went with you to your mine. We will all miss you in our lives.

Give Alan and Darlene a hug from me. I'll see you all on the other side when my time comes.

Love your daughter

Barbara

*My mom Linda sends her condolences too. She was sad to learn of your passing,
so was Nancy.



Barbara (Rowling) Monroe - November 25, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ So many memories between the day I met you and the day we had to say goodbye. Live, Love and Laugh was with us always! Fly High!
Susie

Susie Rowling - November 25, 2023 at 02:19 AM