



Nick Lewis

April 27, 1936 - December 10, 2023

The grandson of Wyoming pioneers and Lander, Wyoming hometown boy, Nick Lewis passed away Sunday, December 10, 2023 at his home in Butte, Montana. Nick was born Franklan John Painter on April 27, 1936 in Lander, Wyoming to George Thomas and Mary Margaret (Moore) Painter and the grandson of pioneer blacksmith and barber, John Westly Painter. His mother's grandfather, Sgt. Charles Mahr, served with the Second Calvary stationed at Camp Brown, Wyoming and was later reassigned to the Montana barracks that later became Fort Custer.

Nick attended schools in Lander, Wyoming and changed his name just before joining the United States Army where he served 6 years with 5½ years overseas with the 10th Mountain Division and the 82nd Air Born Division. He worked at many jobs including a farmer, a sheep rancher, in construction and for the Forest Service.

In 1982 he married the love of his life, Bernadette Rose "Pudgy" Lewis in Idaho Falls, Idaho. They enjoyed 42 years of marriage until COVID took her on November 6, 2022.

He is survived by his sons: Juel Ray Lewis and Jeremy G. Lewis, daughters Penny R. Lewis, Dawn M. Lewis and Jana L. Lewis, step-kids, Donna M. Berry, Paul R. Allery, Kenneth A. Allery, Hugh D. Allery, Crystal R. Allery and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Following cremation, the Lander home town boy will be going home to Lander

for interment and services in Mt. Hope Cemetery.