



Penny Hubber Tollefson

March 2, 1951 - February 18, 2020

Penny Hubber Tollefson passed away last Tuesday February 18, 2020 after a remarkable life. She was born March 2, 1951 to Roy and Juanita Hubber and attended Butte schools throughout her life and graduated from Butte High in 1969 where she was a proud cheerleader and competed in the first Montana girls high school track and field state competition.

She loved the thrill of competition and going fast, which was best exemplified by years of speedskating and snowmobile racing. She was speedskating since childhood and won second place in the Canadian Open skating competition. She participated in snowmobile races for many years and was the North America Snowmobile Powder Puff Champion. She raced professionally for multiple sponsors, including Polaris, Arctic Cat, Skidoo, Rupp, Scorpion, and Thunderjet and was chosen for the cover of Snowgoer Magazine and finalist for Miss Snowmobile USA. When that wasn't fast enough she learned how to skydive in college and did a number of jumps during that time. Her competitive nature continued in the 1990's, where she competed in numerous trap shooting competitions and was the State Trap Shooting Champion in multiple states.

In the 1980's she and her sister-in-law, Julie, converted a warehouse into a luncheon restaurant, The Green House, which is now the location of the Uptown Café. She moved to Missoula where she met and married the love of her life, Les Tollefson. They started a logging company where Penny drove her own pink log truck that was easily recognized throughout the mountains

around northwest Montana. She was always a natural leader and was the first woman president of the Montana Log haulers Association.

After Penny put her two daughters through college she decided to go back and finish her own degree. In 2008 she graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in Anthropology. As someone who always loved the outdoors, including hunting and camping, she was in her element during field camp and anthropology digs.

Penny was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Juanita Hubber and her husband Les Tollefson, and is survived by her daughters Holly Hoffman (Todd), Tiffany Evans (Ryan), and brother Hal Hubber (Julie). She also leaves behind six grandchildren - Dove, Reagan, Carter, River, Judah, and Willow, and great grandson Simon, as well as nieces/nephews - Lacy, Tana, and Jay Hubber, as well as friends and family too numerous to mention.

As a lifelong animal lover, in lieu of flowers consider a donation to your local animal shelter.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Service

FEB 24. 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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“ To Hal and family, I found the sad news today in the MT. Standard archives. I was 12-years older than Penny when our mother's practiced sewing on their new Pfaff Sewing Machines together; you were just a wee tike then. My memories of your parents and grandparents go back to the mid-'40s before Nita and Roy were married. Roy and parents lived in my neighborhood on the flats near Greeley School, but I knew Nita's parents best. Mr. Hunter helped my dad learn his Masonic Lodge work at their kitchen table on Alaska St. with the door shut, while my mother and your grandmother visited in the living room and I playd with one of Nita's, long forgotten dolls and doll bed. I almost got to be a flower girl in Nita and Roy's wedding but was aced out by one of the cute little Banfield girls; no problem. My parents mentored Roy and Nita through the electrical wiring of their first house and later the setting up of their sporting goods business on Harrison Ave. Many many years later, when your grandmother was a spry 90+year old, she prepared a sumptuous dinner for Mom and me in that same dear little kitchen on Alaska Street. She was about the only person living in that neighborhood by then. I told her that day "When I grow up, I want to be like You." (Ha! I must have been in my upper 60's) The last time I saw Nita was at her campground business and Roy had passed on. I always enjoyed hearing about how you and Penny were thriving. I will always hold dear the memory of all your elders and wish the best for you and family. You come from good brave, hardworking and happy people and I'm lucky to have known them. Hugs, Cleo (Bishop) Postle.

Cleo Postle - August 30, 2021 at 12:39 PM

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“ *My deepest condolences to Hal and his extended family.
Sincerely,
Barbara Nye*

Barbara Nye - February 24, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Jan Jorgensen - February 24, 2020 at 10:46 AM



*Gone from my sight
I am standing upon the seashore, A Ship, at my side, spreads her sails
to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of
beauty and strength.
I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white
cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other,
Then someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."
Gone where?
Gone from my sight.
That is all. She is just as large in mast, hull and spar as she was when
she left my side. And , she is just as able to bear her load of living
freight to her destined port. Her diminished size is in me - not in her.
And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone."
There are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to
take up the glad shout. "Here she comes."

And that is dying.....
By Henry Van Dyke*

I shall always miss you, my friend.....Jan Jorgensem

Jan Jorgensen - February 24, 2020 at 11:07 AM

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“ *From the Joe Hubber family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Penny Hubber Tollefson.*



From the Joe Hubber family - February 21, 2020 at 11:00 AM

JH

“ *My condolences to Penny's family. I passed on the sad news to my kids, and they were equally sorry to hear. My daughters, Amanda and Sarah, especially remember the fun times they had at Buxton with Holly and Tiffany.*

My memory of great times include water skiing at Lake Berryessa in California, hunting at Buxton and Wise River, playing board games at their home on Quincy in Butte, and, of course, playing in the snow/snowmobiling at Buxton. I will never forget you, Penny.

Joe Hubber - February 21, 2020 at 10:54 AM