

Obituary

Douglas Ralph Burke, 55



Douglas Ralph Burke, 55, lost his courageous battle with cancer February 11, 2009, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls.

Doug was born March 28, 1953, in Idaho Falls, Idaho to Victor Walter Burke and Joretta Thiel Burke.

Doug grew up west of Idaho Falls on a farm where he learned the true meaning of work and carried that trait forward to his children. He graduated from Skyline High School in 1971. He played football, ran track and wrestled. In 1971, he was the 1st State Champion Wrestler in Skyline's school history.

On September 7, 2001, Doug married Vickie Popejoy Holmes in Las Vegas, Nevada. They currently resided in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Doug was the General Sales Manager and General Manager for 30 plus years with Great Western Auto companies (Griffin and Griffin) in Wyoming, South Dakota and Utah.

When he had free time, Doug enjoyed being out on Flaming Gorge in his boat with Bob and Jesse, along with the rest of his family and friends. His true love was playing with his granddaughter, Hadley. Hadley, being only 5 years old, called her grandpa everyday to talk to him. When they were together, they were not easy to separate. If Dolly, Doug's dog, was with them, Doug, Hadley and Dolly would spend the whole day together. Doug also like to plant trees and watch them grow.

Doug is survived by his wife, Vickie, of Blackfoot; sons, Bob (Janet) Burke, of Boise, Idaho, Jesse (Tara) Hatch, of Rock Springs, Wyoming; stepson's, Rory Holmes, of Grand Junction, Colorado and Shay (Jessica) Holmes, of Grand Junction, Colorado; stepdaughter, Angie (Lance) Clark, of Grand Junction, Colorado; mother, Joretta Burke, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; brothers, Tim (Vicki) Burke, of Carr, Colorado and Barry (Raelene) Burke, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; sisters, Venna (Mike) Love, of Boise, Idaho and Sharla (Bill) Cox, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; grandchildren, Hadley, Bailey, McKayla, Sydney, and Riley, plus one more due in July.

He is preceded in death by his father, Victor and by his grandparents, Harry and Venna, Thiel and Rich, and Irene Burke.

The family will meet with friends and relatives Saturday, February 14, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Doug and Vickie's home at 128 N. 150 W., Blackfoot, Idaho (off Rose Road). A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 15, 2009 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue, Blackfoot, with family meeting with friends and relatives for one hour prior to services. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Shriners Hospital, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607.