

Obituary

Lanny Dean Sturgeon, 69

Lanny Dean Sturgeon, 69, of Blackfoot, Idaho passed away Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at Bingham Memorial Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Blackfoot.

Lanny was born June 10, 1942 in Couer'd Alene, Idaho to James and Janette Anderson Sturgeon. Lanny joined sister Linda with two more siblings to follow, Kenny James and Sandra Lee Sturgeon.

The family moved to Pocatello when Lanny was 13 years old, he graduated from Pocatello High School and joined the Army, serving in Germany.

He worked construction, had a small farm in Moreland, worked for General Mills, Matsuura Brothers and Shawn Ellis. Lanny was one of the few remaining dedicated "hired men", he never left work until the job was done to the best of his ability.

Lanny was a true animal lover, taking care of what he called "drop-off" dogs, cats and his cattle. Gilbert Bautista groomed his faithful Border collie, Bud, so she could spend time with him in the Extended Care Facility.

He loved rebuilding cars and was a gifted mechanic; Hot Rods were his passion. This is where he made many of his dedicated friends. Gilbert Bautista, Stan Riley, Keith Hansen, Cory Knipe, Aurelio Rodriquez, Josh Wagoner and many, many others. Lanny wanted them all to know how much their friendship meant to him and the support they gave him throughout his life and debilitating illness.

Lanny was an unfailingly kind person, even after months of grueling tests and miserable procedures, he would tell his caregivers "thanks for taking care of me", not one caustic remark was uttered as he tried to make everyone comfortable, even if he was not.

Lanny is survived by his sister, Linda Dick. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Sandra; and brother, Kenny.

We would like to thank Gus Grimmatt, Dr. McKinlay and the staff at Bingham for their care and compassion during the long battle Lanny endured.

Graveside services will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at the Moreland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Bingham County Animal Shelter, c/o Janet Gay, 501 N. Maple, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221. Family is under the care of Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot. Condolences may be sent the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.