

Barry D. Nelson

July 16, 1941 - October 3, 2017

Barry D. Nelson, 76, Born July 16, 1941, passed away October 3, 2017. Barry, born in Kemmerer Wyoming, was the second son of Keith and Lucille Nelson. He grew up in Douglas, WY and after high school lived in various places while serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. During his time in the Coast Guard he met and married Lana Brassil in Connecticut on September 1st 1962. After being honorably discharged, he earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Montana. He taught high school science for 5 years in Chugwater, WY before eventually moving his family to Wheatland, WY in 1976. He sold insurance, and operated a sporting goods store on the side until retirement (pretty sure he wanted to get good deals on all his big boy toys - fishing, archery equipment and 4-wheelers).

Barry was an avid outdoorsman and loved to spend time hunting and fishing. Whether it was trolling for walleye on Grayrocks, chasing pheasants at Springer, hunting elk in area 7 or while shivering ice fishing at Number 3, his unquenchable enthusi-

asm for life was evident in all of those things. He had a booming baritone laugh that would resonate thru a room with a generous heart and smile that went from ear to ear.

Golf was another big love of Barry's. He and Lana played most every day and traveled around the state playing the Wyoming tournament circuit. They also took a number of memorable golf vacations that included trips to New Zealand and Australia.

He was preceded in death by his parents Keith and Lucille Nelson and is survived by his wife of 55 years Lana Nelson, his children Reed (Dianna) Nelson, Susan (Cody) Mitchell and Laurie Holger-son, six grandchildren: Morgan Nelson, Garrett and Shane Mitchell, Daniel and Andrew McLain, and Barry Holger-son. Older brother Larry (Pat) Nelson, and younger sister Carolyn (Ray) Beaver.

As per Barry's wishes there will be no funeral services. A memorial get together will be planned for a future date. Death leaves a heartbreak no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.