



John Willis McGuinness

March 2, 1948 - May 22, 2024

John Willis McGuinness (Jack) was born in Butte, America on March 2nd, 1948, and was a lifelong Montanan. He passed peacefully surrounded by family on May 22nd, 2024 at his home in Cheney, WA. He was 76 years old.

Jack graduated from Boys Central High School in 1966 and went on to receive a Health Sciences degree from Montana State University in 1971. He was on both the football and rodeo teams at MSU and will forever be a proud Bobcat.

He married the love of his life Linda Leavitt (Levi) on June 10th, 1972. They had 3 children and 5 grandchildren. He spoke often and fondly of his family and was endlessly proud of them all.

After a few years teaching and coaching football he spent his career in Montana in the cattle industry. He operated sale barns in 7 locations throughout MT – settling at Billings Livestock Commission for most of his career. He was an auctioneer, an innovator in the industry, and a fearless entrepreneur.

Jack loved Montana, the Bobcats, cattle, running, lake life, and spending time on the roads of MT. He never met a stranger and never forgot a name.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Dorothy McGuinness, his Irish twin brother Jim, and many other beloved family members and friends. He is survived by his wife, 3 children, 5 grandchildren, his brother Jeff (Lisa Fields), and sister Joan (Jonathan) Sachs.

Jack was a larger-than-life storyteller and a great friend to many. He would often remind us all to work hard, be true to our endeavors, and follow our passions. "We've got a good life here." GO CATS!!

A Memorial will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Butte, MT on Friday, June 28th at 12 pm with a Celebration of Life to follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall. In lieu of flowers please give to your favorite charitable organization in Jack's honor.