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## Steven Alan Banks, 60

Steven Alan Banks, 60, passed away peacefully in his sleep on June 22, 2007. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2007 at 11 a.m. at the Mt. Hall Church north of Bonners Ferry, Idaho with internment following in the Porthill Cemetery, Porthill, Idaho.

Steve was born on Oct. 15, 1946 in Malden, Mass. He grew up in southern California, he served in the Army from 1965-67 in Korea. He obtained his first job with Pacific Telephone Company right after graduating from high school, was promoted into management remaining with the phone company until his retirement in 1991.

While working at the phone company Steve also went to college at Cal Poly Pomona, and graduated first in his class with honors in 1974. Steve met his beloved wife who was also employed at the phone company.

Steve and Candy shared a love of golf, camping and the out-of-doors. They were married on June 4, 1988 in North Lake Tahoe, Nev. They discovered their home in Bonners Gerry, Idaho while on a camping trip to North Idaho in 1991. They fell in love with the area and moved to Bonners Ferry in 1992 and built a home here.

They started their nursery business growing ornamental spruce trees in 1994. Many of the ornamental spruce tree that you see trucked out for landscaping all over the US come from Steve and Candy's spruce farm. In addition to his nursery business, Steve served as President of the Trow Creek Water Association for many years. Steve will be remembered for his friendship and helpfulness to everyone, his participation in and loyalty to the community, his love of golf, hunting, fishing and anything outdoors. He was an excellent chef, and many people in Bonners Ferry and neighbors from Creston enjoyed the Banks' hospitality.

Steve is survived by his beloved wife Candy Banks, his beloved daughter Heather Banks, sister, Barbara Bowles, brothers, Richard Banks and Dave Banks, step-son, Brian Wilson, granddaughter, Paige Wilson, and grandson, Patrick Gallagher.