

Raymond Leslie Lowther, 72

Raymond Leslie Lowther, 72, passed away at the Bonner General Hospital in Sandpoint, Idaho on April 16, 2003. Services were held on Saturday, April 19, 2003 at 11 a.m. in the Bonners Ferry Funeral Home.

Raymond was born on June 20, 1930 in Sandpoint, Idaho to Willard and Mary (Bixel) Lowther. He attended school and graduated at Clark Fork, Idaho.

After his education, he logged in Rivulet, Montana and worked on the construction of the Noxon Dam. On Jan. 16, 1951 he joined the U.S. Navy and served during the Korean Conflict on the USS Boxer as a radioman.

After his discharge in December of 1954, he returned to Clark Fork and worked for the Clark Fork Mercantile.

Over the years he worked for Roger's Thrift in Sandpoint, Idaho, Kensler's IGA in Troy, Montana and the M+M Grocery in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

While working at the M+M, he purchased the Good Grief Tavern north of Bonners Ferry which he owned and operated until the late 1980's when he retired. Raymond then went back to work for several years as a bartender and caretaker at the Lantern Motel and Restaurant in Bonners Ferry. He then again retired and resided in the Bonners Ferry area until his death.

Raymond was a member of the Troy City Council, fire department and the Lions club, the Bonners Ferry VFW, American Legion and Eagles. Throughout his life he enjoyed fly fishing, hunting, playing pool and cribbage.

Survivors include his son Brad Lowther and wife Laurie of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; daughter Lisa Fitzgerald and husband Jim of Littleton, Col.; grandchildren Matthew, Joseph, Rebecca Lowther; three brothers: Richard Lowther and wife Phyllis of Moses Lake, Wash., Robert Lowther of Hope, Idaho, Russell Lowther of Tulsa,

Oklahoma; ex-wife Vonnie Lowther of Hayden, Idaho; good friend Becky Walsh of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and various nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one son Greg.

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