

## Montana Trooper

# Final Patrol

### ROGER "SKIP" LOUCKS

Roger "Skip" Duane Loucks, age 68, passed away Sunday, August 14, 2011, at his home in Glendive.

Roger "Skip" Duane Loucks was born on December 6, 1942, in Plentywood, Montana, the son of Harry D. and Merna (Tittle) Loucks. Merna passed away in September 1943, when Skip was 9 months old. With the help of Harry's mother Mae Loucks and later Harry's new wife Shirley (Bedwell) Loucks, they raised Skip in Redstone, Montana. As a small baby, he used to help Grandpa Loucks deliver mail in the Redstone area and later helped on the family farm. Skip went to grade school in Redstone and graduated from Plentywood High School in 1961. After high school, he worked for Farmers Union Oil.

In 1963, Skip married Billie Jean Crossen, and their daughter Kelly Jean was born in 1966. After his marriage to Billie Jean ended, he married Lee Ann Brown in Glasgow, Montana on August 4, 1976.

Skip also spent some summers in Ennis, Montana, with his Uncle Phil, who, at that time, was a Montana Highway Patrolman.

In 1971, Skip went to work for the Montana Highway Patrol, and his first station was in Glasgow. He worked in the Glasgow area until 1985, when he was transferred to Glendive. Skip retired from the Highway Patrol in 1999 having put in 28 years with the Patrol. During his career with the Highway Patrol, Skip was a firearms instructor and a driving instructor. He was also on the original board of directors for the Montana Hope Project, which was very important to him, even after he retired.

Skip was active in the Elk's Lodge. He started in Glasgow and then transferred to the Glendive Lodge where he was Exalted Ruler and later District Deputy.

During his retirement, Skip started spending his summers at their summer home at Rock Creek on Fort Peck Lake where he enjoyed fishing and being a weight boat for some of the fishing tournaments. During the month of August, he left the summer home and returned to Glendive so he could drive truck for Jim and Gary Bennett. When harvest was over, he would return to Rock Creek.

Skip is survived his wife Lee Ann of Glendive; one daughter Kelly Jean Sillerud and her husband Norman, their three sons, Josh (Kim), Jason and Nate (Trena), and great grandson, Sage, all of Glasgow; two sisters, Shari Dee Boe, of Brookings, South Dakota and Jody Anne Wallick and her husband Bill, of Miles City, Montana; an aunt, Rachel Bedwell, of Glasgow, Montana; three nieces and one nephew, Andrea, Miranda and Doug Boe of Brookings, South Dakota and Cami Weichel, of Aurora, Colorado; as well as two



uncles, "Dut" Loucks of Plentywood, Montana; Phil Loucks, and his wife June of Ennis, Montana, numerous cousins, as well as his extended family the Bennetts and all his friends at Rock Creek. He was preceded in death by his parents Harry, Merna and Shirley as well as his Uncle Homer and his Aunt Ruth and Aunt Joyce.

A Memorial service was held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, August 19, 2011, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, with Reverend Emma Curtis officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive was entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorials sent to the Glendive Hospice or the Montana Hope Project.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com). □