



Herbert "Buzz" Maltais

February 4, 1939 - May 30, 2023

Herbert "Buzz" Maltais, Jr., 84, was born on February 4, 1939, and passed away May 30, 2023. He spent part of his youth in Arlington, WA, and attended Trafton Elementary School. In 1950, the family moved to a ranch in Twisp, WA, where they raised quarter horses, cattle, and hay. In his youth, he enjoyed riding saddle broncs at rodeos and hunting.

On July 27, 1957, Buzz married Loretta Hanson in Twisp, and they were married almost 66 years. In July of 1958, they welcomed a daughter, Tamera, a son, Todd, in 1960, and a daughter, Zandra, in 1964.

He usually had horses or mules and loved living in the Methow Valley. Buzz worked building the North Cross State Highway from 1970 to 1972, and worked in the logging industry falling trees, skyline logging, and driving logging trucks. He also fought wildfires with his own pumper trucks and water trucks through the years.

Buzz was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Marie Maltais; sister, Darlene Hadfield; and a niece and nephew. He is survived by his wife; children; three grandchildren: Chloe, Charlie, and Cody; two great-granddaughters: Livia and Nora; a brother, Mike; and several nieces and nephews. The family misses his presence in our lives.

At his request, there will be no Services.