



## Mark Alan Stelling

January 7, 1954 - October 22, 2025

Mark Alan Stelling passed away peacefully on October 22, 2025, after a courageous battle with COPD and complications following lung surgery. He was 71.

Born in Missoula, Montana, to Charles “Chuck” Stelling and Margaret “Mugs” Stelling Pieters, Mark spent his formative years in Missoula, Polson, and Hamilton, graduating from Hamilton High School as a proud Bronc in 1972.

After high school, Mark ventured to the Midwest, where he honed his carpentry skills working alongside his Uncle Bill “Cody” Stelling. His adventurous spirit led him to ride his motorcycle up the then largely unpaved Alcan Highway to Alaska, where he spent seven years working on the pipeline. Mark’s life was filled with remarkable stories—from surviving on a stranded shrimp boat to thrilling bear encounters and being left in the wilderness during a moose hunt. He had a gift for storytelling and a deep love for the outdoors, enjoying hunting, fishing, and golf throughout his life.

Mark was married twice. He built a successful career in the title industry, working with Stelling & Associates and Stewart Title in Missoula before relocating to Portland, Oregon, where he managed a large title company. He later returned to Missoula and Stewart Title before retiring in Laughlin, Nevada, in 2019.

He is survived by his children, Montie Brown (Rob) and Jason Bigelow, and seven grandchildren: Joanne Brown, Brandon Edwards, Gabrielle Brown, Samantha Talbott (Casey), Ashton Bigelow, Aspyn Bigelow, and Kallen Bigelow. He also leaves behind his brother Steve Stelling (Keni), sister Laurel Rowan (Pete), many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and his cherished Uncle Cody (William) Stelling (Maria).

Mark was known for his easy going nature, infectious chuckle, and sharp sense of humor—traits that served him well in a family of practical jokers. He was a warm and approachable man who made friends wherever he went and took great pride in his family and their accomplishments.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Late Spring/Summer 2026 for family and friends to gather, remember, and share stories of time spent with Mark. If you would like to be included, please reach out to the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America or the Veterans Relief Network, causes close to Mark's heart.

## Cemetery Details

**Private Cremation**

## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am a friend of Laurel Stelling Rowan and I met Mark at some wonderful gatherings when his nieces were married and when Laurel and I were on one adventure or another. Mark was fun, laughed easily and I always heard what he was up to through her! Mark was a good man and will be missed!

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**Gail Jackson-Francis** - December 17, 2025 at 03:02 PM