

# Lloyd Paul Blackburn

January 29, 1959 - November 4, 2011

Lloyd Paul Blackburn, 52, of Buffalo, died Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, in Thermopolis.

He was born Jan. 29, 1959, in Price, Utah, to Mont and Ruth Blackburn. Lloyd attended grade school in Wellington, Utah, through the fourth grade. The family moved to Texas, where he graduated as a National Merit commended student from Dalhart, Texas High School in 1976. During his high school years, he excelled in track and football.

He then attended the New Mexico Institute of Technology where he graduated with honors. Lloyd completed the four-year course to become a geophysicist in three years.

After graduation, Lloyd was recruited by Marathon Oil in Cody. He worked there for over 20 years until they left northern Wyoming.

He then went to work as a freelance geophysicist until becoming the chief geophysicist for Gas Ventures in Thermopolis, where he has been employed for the past four years.

Lloyd married Catherine French, but they later divorced.

He then married Charlene Smithson and they too were later divorced.

Lloyd then married Althea Pehringer on Oct. 12, 2007, in Worland. Together they enjoyed going for drives, traveling and spending time together.

Lloyd enjoyed shooting guns and reloading his own ammunition. He liked watching NASCAR racing and doing Sudoku and crossword puzzles. He really enjoyed his job of exploration of gas and oil, especially the seismic aspect of it.

Survivors include his parents of Thermopolis; his wife, Althea, and her children, Chandler, Ariel, Brenna and Dallin Pehringer of Buffalo; his children, Caitlin of Pullman, Wash., and Jake of Chadron, Neb.; sisters, Helen Blackburn (Drew Lang) of Dallas, Texas, and Kate (Chris) Bowen of Magnolia, Texas; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Cremation has taken place and a private service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be sent in Lloyd's name to the local Alcoholics Anonymous chapter or the local Humane Society. Online condolences may be made at [www.bryantfuneralhomeonline.com](http://www.bryantfuneralhomeonline.com).

Bryant Funeral Home is assisting the family with local arrangements.

