

Michael Tonn

October 3, 1961 - September 24, 2011

Former Thermopolis resident Michael Tonn, 49, died Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011, at his home in Gillette.

Mike was born Oct. 3, 1961, in Wheatland, the son of Benjamin Terrance "Terry" and Marilyn Pivik Tonn. He attended Wyoming schools, graduating from Hot Springs County High School in Thermopolis with the class of 1980. Upon graduation, he began working in the construction industry in Casper.

He married Kelly Kathleen Childers on June 10, 1983, at Jenny Lake in Jackson Hole. The couple made their home in Thermopolis until moving to Gillette in 1996. Together Mike and Kelly ran their family business, Tonn Construction, while raising their two daughters.

To say Mike was an avid hunter was an understatement. Hunting adventures were not limited to the United States, as Mike hunted worldwide in many adventures. He was recently recognized for becoming a member of the Grand Slam Club, an honor bestowed upon those who collected all four species of North American wild sheep.

Mike loved the outdoors and spent as much time as possible in the mountains. He also enjoyed spending time at the lake boating, water skiing and snowmobiling.

Mike is survived by his wife, of Gillette; daughters, Trisha and Penny Tonn of Laramie; father, Terry Tonn of Thermopolis; brothers, Terry "Tonto" Tonn of Thermopolis, Matt Tonn of Gillette and Ricky Scott of Rock Springs; sisters, Lauri Ann Haid of Minneapolis, Minn., Lisa Ann Saunders of Gillette, Leigh Ann Yerkovich of Rock Springs and Jo Rae Erickson of Lafayette, Colo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn; and grandparents, Benjamin and Laura Tonn, and Joe and Dorothy Pivik.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 at the Church at the Barn on Echeta Road, with Pastor Elgin Faber officiating.

Condolences can be sent in Mike's name in care of Walker Funeral Home, 410 Medical Arts Court, Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences can also be left online at www.walker-funeralgillette.com.

