



Montana Trooper

Final Patrol

RICHARD CHASE

LIBBY - Richard Chase, 73, of Libby, died Friday, February 17th, 2012, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born August 13th, 1938, in Ogden, Utah, the son of Arthur and Helen Cromwell. His father was killed in World War II, and his mother later married Earl E. Chase, who legally adopted him.

Dick met his wife Shirley at Eastern Washington University. They were married March 2nd, 1959, in Deer Park, Wash. He attended Eastern Washington University and the University of Montana.

Richard joined the Montana Highway Patrol in 1965. He was stationed in Stanford, Choteau, and Libby as he moved up the ranks. He retired from



the Montana Highway Patrol as a captain stationed in Missoula in 1997 and moved back to Libby.

Survivors include his wife Shirley Chase of Libby; son Richard Chase Jr. and wife Lori of Helena; daughter Barbara Chase-McElmurry of Everett, Wash.; brother Mike Chase and wife Maria of Moses Lake, Wash; and grandchildren Tyler, Trever and Annie Chase, and Connor and Keaton McElmurry.

Visitation was held from 1300-2000 hours on Thursday, February 23rd, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services were held at 13:00 hours on Friday, February 24th, at Christ Lutheran Church, 200 W. Larch St.

Memorials may be made to WINGS, St. John's Lutheran Hospital Foundation, the Montana Hope Project, or Christ Lutheran Church.

WESLEY RICHARD JOHNSON

RONAN - Wesley Richard Johnson, 63, of Ronan, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 31st, 2011, at Community Medical Center in Missoula surrounded by his family.

Wes was born in Shell Lake, Wis., on March 2nd, 1948. He was born to John Wesley and Beverly Johnson.

Wes was sworn in as a Montana Highway Patrolman on August 18th, 1975, and he retired on October 30th, 1994. At the time of his retirement, he was stationed in Ronan.

He is survived by his wife Gina; mother Beverly; sister Jackie (Jeff) Van Helden; two children, daughter Tammy (Wes) Barr, son Shon (Cathy) Johnson; and stepson Josh (Tara) Starkel; stepson

Jake (Tyanna) Starkel; and eight grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father, John Wesley.

A celebration of life was held at the Ronan Community Center at 1300 hours on Saturday, January 7th.

Memorials may be made to the Montana Hope Project or the Spokane Shriners Hospital would be appreciated. □



In Memory of State Troopers Who Gave Their Lives In the Line of Duty



Robert G. Steele, 1946
Shot in the line of duty near Billings



James H. Anderson, 1954
Traffic stop on Bozeman Hill



Richard E. Hedstrom, 1973
Traffic stop near Kalispell



Michael M. Ren, 1978
Shot in the line of duty near Eureka



David A. Graham, 2007
Traffic crash near Kalispell



Evan F. Schneider, 2008
Traffic crash near Columbia Falls



Michael W. Haynes, 2009
Traffic crash near Kalispell



David J. DeLaittre, 2010
Shot in the line of duty near Three Forks



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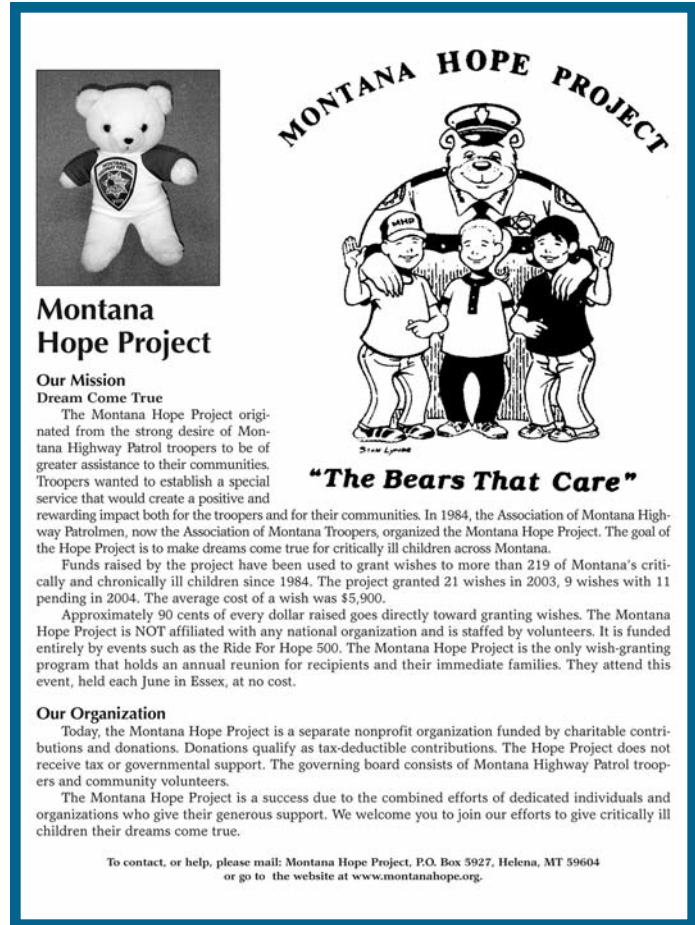
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MONTANA HOPE PROJECT

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Our Mission
Dream Come True

The Montana Hope Project originated from the strong desire of Montana Highway Patrol troopers to be of greater assistance to their communities. Troopers wanted to establish a special service that would create a positive and rewarding impact both for the troopers and for their communities. In 1984, the Association of Montana Highway Patrolmen, now the Association of Montana Troopers, organized the Montana Hope Project. The goal of the Hope Project is to make dreams come true for critically ill children across Montana.

Funds raised by the project have been used to grant wishes to more than 219 of Montana's critically and chronically ill children since 1984. The project granted 21 wishes in 2003, 9 wishes with 11 pending in 2004. The average cost of a wish was \$5,900.

Approximately 90 cents of every dollar raised goes directly toward granting wishes. The Montana Hope Project is NOT affiliated with any national organization and is staffed by volunteers. It is funded entirely by events such as the Ride For Hope 500. The Montana Hope Project is the only wish-granting program that holds an annual reunion for recipients and their immediate families. They attend this event, held each June in Essex, at no cost.

Our Organization

Today, the Montana Hope Project is a separate nonprofit organization funded by charitable contributions and donations. Donations qualify as tax-deductible contributions. The Hope Project does not receive tax or governmental support. The governing board consists of Montana Highway Patrol troopers and community volunteers.

The Montana Hope Project is a success due to the combined efforts of dedicated individuals and organizations who give their generous support. We welcome you to join our efforts to give critically ill children their dreams come true.

"The Bears That Care"

To contact, or help, please mail: Montana Hope Project, P.O. Box 5927, Helena, MT 59604 or go to the website at www.montanahope.org.