

PHIFER, ZACK  
June 5, 1932-April 12, 2009

Zack Phifer passed away on Easter morning, April 12, 2009, at the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy Hospice House in Kennewick, WA from complications of a hip fracture.

He was born June 5, 1932, in Wheatland, WY to Wood and Marguerite Phifer. At the age of three, he and his brother, Fred, lost their parents and grandparents in a tragic auto accident. He and his brother were raised along with his cousin, Tom, by his Uncle John Phifer at the family ranch in Wheatland.

He graduated from Wheatland High School in 1951 and attended the University of Wyoming until 1953, when he enlisted in the Navy. He returned to the Phifer ranch after serving two years in the Navy to assist his uncle on the ranch. When his uncle was killed in a tractor accident in 1956, he and his Aunt Becky became very close and he always considered her his mother.

He was married to Joyce Fresorger for sixteen years and they have two sons, Bard and Reid. During this period, Zack and Joyce owned and operated several farms and ranches in the Wheatland area.

They were active in Flying Farmers of America and Zack was instrumental in developing and building the Wheatland Golf Course.

In 1977, Zack married Evelyn Weber. In 1988, Zack and Evelyn moved to Pasco, WA, where they lived until his death. Zack worked in farm equipment sales and service until his retirement in 1994. Golf was Zack's recreational passion through much of his life. He also loved spending time with his family.

Zack is survived by his wife, Evelyn of Pasco; his brothers, Fred Phifer of Lander, WY and Tom Phifer of Gilbert, AZ; his son, Bard Phifer and wife Kelli and their children, Krista, Kayla and Katie of Wheatland; son, Reid Phifer of Jackson, WY and his children, Alek and Rylynn; his step-children, Jay Weber and wife Joann and their son, Chad of Pasco; Beth Darby and husband Mark and their children, Tara and Cort of Sheridan, IL; Kyle Weber and wife Sue and their children, Katie and Mackenzie of Kalispell, MT; Joni Darby and her children Nan and Emma of Sanwich, IL; and granddaughter Melissa Bauer and her husband Nick and their children, Buddy and Bailey of Bryan, TX.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is planned for a later date in Wheatland, Wyoming.