

OBITUARY FOR JACK BAIER

John Baier, Jr. "Jack" 83 passed away on September 1, 2007. He was born on Mother's Day, May 12, 1924 in Great Falls, MT to John and Etta (Fanner) Baier of Great Falls.

Jack attended and graduated elementary and secondary school from Great Falls, MT. He played varsity football and basketball for the Bison. After graduation he enlisted in the Navy during WWII. He was honorably discharged as a Petty Officer First Class Gunners Mate in February 1946.

He returned to Great Falls and in the fall of 1946 entered Montana State College in Bozeman, MT. He joined S.A.E. Fraternity and while attending school he met Grace C. Nissen of Billings, MT, also a student of MSC. They married in September 1947, and continued school while both worked. They graduated from MSC in 1950 and took jobs teaching in Scobey.

Jack continued on as a principal at Joplin, MT, Superintendent of Schools of Noxon and Whitehall, MT. Jack then went to work for Ginn and Co. in school text sales for 14 years. In that time they had three children. Tony, Marsha and Michael. Grace, Tony and Marsha preceded Jack in death along with his sister, Jane, of Billings, MT who was also a teacher.

Jack loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, skiing, water sports as well as other sports such as bowling and golfing. He attended faithfully and cheered on his beloved MSU Bobcats throughout the years and the relationships he made during that time were very special to him.

Survivors include, son Mike and Mellisa, in San Diego and he was blessed with grandsons Mike, Kevin, Brian and Ronnie. It was always a thrill to Jack to see if they would ever give him a grand daughter.

From son, Tony (deceased), he was blessed with grandsons John, Clifton and Geoffry Baier of Colorado and their mother Christy Baier.

Brother-in-law, Don Cleveland, of Billings, Doug & Jill (niece) Wilson and Kevin Zahn (great nephew) of Roundup, MT and Sgt. Nathan (great nephew) and Jenna Zahn and Lilly of Oceanside, CA, Lloyd and Jackie (niece) Williams of Kalispell and Josh Schaff (great nephew) of Billings, MT

Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to MSU Foundation, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital Foundation, Pilgrim Congregational Church of Bozeman or the charity of choice.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday September 5, at Dokken Nelson Sunset Chapel.

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