

HILAN E. JONES - OBITUARY

80 year old Buffalo, Wyoming resident Hilan Jones passed away Tuesday afternoon, February 9, 2021 at the Johnson County Health Care Center in Buffalo.



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Hilan Earnest Jones was born on November 12, 1940 in Thermopolis, Wyoming to William and Virginia Jones. He grew up and went to school in Thermopolis and graduated from Thermopolis High School with the class of 1958. He was married on

August 8, 1958 in Thermopolis to Carol Ann Skelton and they made their home in Salt Lake City, Utah where Hilan attended the University of Utah on a Football Scholarship. He received a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1962 from Utah and taught school for a couple of years before joining the U.S. Army.



While in the military he served three tours in Vietnam as an LRRP, including a tour as an Officer with Company E (LRP), 50th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division. Hilan was career military and He and his wife made their home in various parts of the country for many years. Hilan retired from the military in the late 1980's and they made their home in Houston, Texas.

Hilan and Carol Ann had three children and were later divorced. He was married to Flora Delores Jones on March 11, 1972. After 44 years of marriage Delores passed away in February of 2016 and Hilan moved into the Veteran's Home of Wyoming in Buffalo, WY, where he lived until his death.

Hilan was a soldier at heart and remained close with his military brothers from the 9th Infantry Division LRRPs and had many close friends at the Veteran's Home of Wyoming. He was an avid card player and always up for a game.

He is survived by two daughters, Jackie Tobin and her husband Al of Pine Haven, Wyoming and Kristen Miller and her husband Scott of Thermopolis, Wyoming; one son Seth Jones and his wife Claudia of Bon Aqua, Tennessee; two stepsons, Carl Harris of Minnesota and Chris Spivey of Houston, Texas; two step-daughters, Cathy Landers of Texas and Karen Smith also of Texas; two brothers Everett Jones of Sandy, Utah and Bill Jones of Twin Falls, Idaho; six grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

