

## IN MEMORIAM



**DAVID S. BASKETT**  
**1922-2015**

David S. Baskett, 92, died peacefully July 1 at Poplar Living Center in Casper. Services were held on July 9, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Casper. Dave was born in Shoshoni in 1922 and lived all his life in Wyoming, except for his college years and his service during World War II.

He attended Casper schools, graduating from NCHS with the Class of 1939. He studied engineering at the University of Wyoming and the University of Michigan, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 and served in the Pacific. After the war, he worked for United Air Lines, Casper Concrete and Lock Joint Pipe Co. before joining Monolith Cement Co. as a salesman and lobbyist. He retired in 1987. In 1949, he married Charlaine Austin, and they had four daughters.

He was interested in politics, starting out as a Democrat in college. He switched parties in the 1950s and became active in the Republican Party. He was a county GOP chairman and in 1964 headed the statewide Goldwater campaign.

He was a longtime member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Casper, where he served on the vestry in the 1960s and was a diocesan

delegate to the General Convention in 1967. He was state president of the Wyoming Archaeological Society and was on the board of the Casper Chamber of Commerce. Other clubs include the Wyoming Contractors Association, the Wyoming Engineering Society, the Exchange Club, the Masonic Lodge and the Shrine Club.

Along with spending time with his family, his favorite activities were fishing at Little Deep Creek in the Big Horns and swimming at Thermopolis. Dave loved to drive, traveling all over the U.S. and Europe. He served on the regional transportation council. He will be remembered for his cheerfulness to the very end and his great sense of humor.

Survivors include his wife, Charlaine; three daughters, Jane Baskett of Dallas, Sue (Hobe) Harden of Minneapolis, and Mary (Scott) Hunter of Spokane; two grandsons, Lawrence and Richard Harden of Minneapolis; and a sister, Virginia Leach of Lexington, Va. He was predeceased by his daughter Anne.

Memorials may be made to St. Mark's Memorial Fund or Wyoming Dementia Care, 1831 E. Fourth St., Casper, Wyo., 82601.

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