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Sam was a lifelong resident of the Magic Valley and was proud to call Southern Idaho home. Throughout his life, his work was closely tied to farming, ranching, and herding sheep. When he was not farming, Sam also spent many years working at Magic Mountain Ski Resort. For a short time, he lived on and managed the Mason Ranch at Reynolds Creek in the Owyhee Mountains. Afterward, he returned to Filer to care for his mother, Jane, and help tend the family farm. At age 63, Sam met and married the love of his life, Judy A. Basquez. They shared more than 30 years together until Sam's passing.

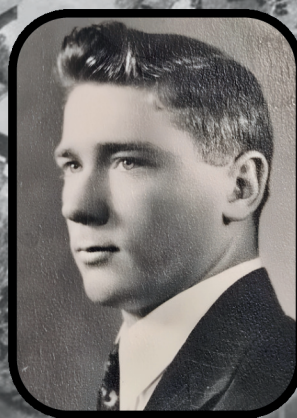
Sam was known for many things, most of all for being the life of the party, for his wonderful storytelling, and for his familiar chuckle. He had a gifted green thumb, which brought him great success in the gardens he tended at home. His gardens were lush, and he was always willing to try growing something new, usually with success. He grew nearly everything, from flowers to grapes. Above all else, Sam held a deep respect and love for his fellow man, for animals, and for the natural world around him.

He is survived by Judy Lancaster; his sister, Mary (Larry) Lundin; Judy's children, Mark Harvey, Sherry Zaun, David (Jackie) Harvey, and Sandra (Leonard) Terra; Judy's 12 grandchildren and her 23 great-grandchildren; and Sam's many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Allen, Leroy, and Tom; his sisters, Sue Lee and Vivian Dunn; and several nieces and nephews.

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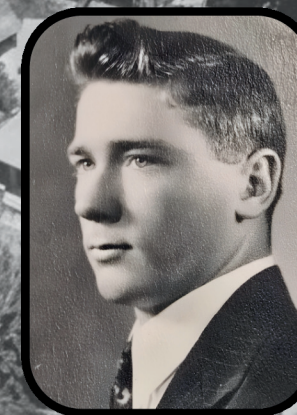
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We now commend Thy servant
to Thy eternal care
Thou shalt in time redeem
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as Thou hast redeemed him
Thou hast cleaned him till he is
innocent as a child, his soul
bright and pure as dawn, his
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Thy everlasting care,
Receive him now, Almighty
Father, now and forever.
amen and amen



Graveside Service

Wednesday - August 5, 2026 - 10:00 AM

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