



Daniel "Dan" R. Piper

January 26, 1942 - January 7, 2013

Daniel Richard Piper, 70, longtime resident of Moses Lake passed away Monday, January 7, 2013 at his home in Moses Lake. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Saturday, January 12 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Moses Lake Stake Center, 1515 South Division with Bishop Brett Bergeson conducting. Interment will follow in Guarding Angels Cemetery, Moses Lake. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel and Crematory.

Dan was born 26 January 1942, to Henry and Louise Piper, in San Diego, California, the oldest of 4 boys. Dan grew up working on the family vegetable farm where they grew cabbage and tomatoes. He graduated from Chula Vista High School in 1959. He attended the University of California at Riverside for a time before quitting school to surf in Hawaii. The surfing was good while it lasted, but in the fall of 1963 he joined the Air Force where he served four years as a Nuclear Weapons specialist. He was stationed at Fairchild AFB in Spokane when he met Sheila Winder on a blind date. They married in 1967. Dan was honorably discharged from the Air Force that year, and he and Sheila returned to California so Dan could start a flight training program with the hopes of becoming an airline pilot. He earned all the necessary ratings to qualify as an airline pilot and even became an instructor pilot. To make himself more attractive to the airlines, he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from San Diego State. While at school, Dan supported his family by working as a Chula Vista City fireman and as a Learjet pilot for the Reuben H. Fleet

Corporation. With so many pilots returning from Viet Nam, the desired airline job eluded Dan, so in 1974, he accepted an accounting position with the Moss Adams firm in Bremerton, Washington. Though successful as an accountant, life in an office did not satisfy the former farmer/surfer/fireman/pilot. So in 1976 he brought his family to Moses Lake to farm with his father-in-law Floyd Winder. Dan eventually acquired his own farm and successfully grew corn, wheat, and potatoes for 36 years.

As a businessman, Dan was generous and fair. When making a business deal, he purposefully sought to see the arrangement from the other person's perspective. He was a devoted father who supported his children in all their endeavors. Over the years, he employed many teenagers at the farm, including several nephews and grandchildren, where he taught them the value of work and warned them of the vagaries of surfing. Dan enjoyed reading, learning new things, and spending time with his family.

Dan is preceded in death by his father Henry Piper, and son, Jeffrey Piper. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sheila; his daughters, Julie Phipps, Jennifer Radford, and JoAnne Hines; his mother, Louise Piper; his brothers, Jim Piper, Thomas Michael Piper, and Steve Piper; 11 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, many nieces and nephews, and all who knew and loved him.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 12. 10:00 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Stake Center
1515 S. Division St.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Sheila, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Dan was a wonderful man and the two of you were a beautiful couple. Cherish your memories and I pray for your strength going forward.##imported-begin##Sharon Schuster Leesburg##imported-end##*

January 15, 2013 at 09:16 PM



“ *Sheila and Family,*

So sorry to hear of your loss of Dan. Debbie and Curt just told me at Christmas that he had been ill. I didn't know Dan but Dusti, Debbie and Curt always had such nice things to say about him. Know that you will miss him and we will say our prayers for all of you.##imported-begin##Sherry Ohland##imported-end##

January 12, 2013 at 08:23 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are will all of you. Dan was an absolutely wonderful man, and loved by many.*

John, Judy and Aunt Helen##imported-begin##Judy Luers##imported-end##

January 12, 2013 at 03:56 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May the Lord give you comfort at this time.##imported-begin##Debbie Doran Martinez##imported-end##*

January 11, 2013 at 06:22 PM



“ My deepest sympathy for your lost. Dan was a kind and caring person and I will always remember conversations with him while I worked at Simplot. He brought joy to all that had the privedge of knowing him. My thoughts and prayers go to the family.##imported-begin##Valerie Lang##imported-end##

January 10, 2013 at 06:38 PM



“ Dear Sheila and family,
Such a loss. I didn't know Dan, but knew many people who did and knew him to be an honest, hard working devoted man. I am truly sorry for your family to not have his presence any longer. With our faith in Jesus Christ we know he is with our Lord and that is our comfort and strength. I am unable to make the service, but hope to visit with you sometime. May the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you, Carla Landon##imported-begin##Carla (Anderson) Landon##imported-end##

January 10, 2013 at 11:31 AM



“ Wish I could be there to honor a dear friend and give Sheila a hug. I treasure all the sweet memories Paul and I shared with both Dan and Sheila. May you be comforted and know that many love and pray for you Sheila and your sweet family.##imported-begin##Sharon McConkie Sanderson##imported-end##

January 09, 2013 at 10:05 PM



“ I just posted Dan's tribute from Kayser's ..on Facebook. We are all so sorry to her of his untimely passing. We send our love and prayers to all you Winders.##imported-begin##David and Alice Palombo Oman##imported-end##

January 09, 2013 at 12:45 PM