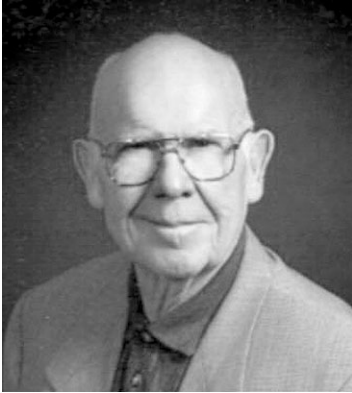


PHILLIP CORRIN SHAFFER



Phillip Corrin Shaffer, 71, of Amarillo, died June 14, 2007 in Justin after a brief and devastating illness known as classic Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

Mr. Shaffer was born May 2, 1936 in Beaver County, Oklahoma to Roger Youtsler and Mayme Marie Stewart Shaffer. He was raised on the Shaffer Homestead in Texas County (Guymon), Oklahoma. He went to grade school at the Unity School until eighth grade. He graduated from Guymon High School with the Class of 1953 and continued his education at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK for one year. He then joined the U.S. Air Force and his tour of duty was in Newfoundland at that time. He then came back to OPSU, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He was then hired by the U.S. Navy in the weapons department (ballistics) for approxi-

mately four years. His close friend, Bob Rugglebuggy convinced him that NASA needed his expertise. He established his home in Friendswood upon joining NASA. He was present on the GEMINI program as an operations officer. Following that he became the APOLLO Missions Moon Landing Flight Director and then moved to SKYLAB which was his pride and joy.

Mr. Shaffer had a brief involvement with the Space Shuttle program. He retired from NASA in 1976 and he then became a consultant for Rockwell Industries. In the meantime, he acquired a Ph.D. in psychology and a Master's Degree in advanced mathematics. Upon leaving the Rockwell consulting period, he became an investor/well-known businessman in the Southeast Texas area and was respected by many.

Mr. Shaffer had moved to Bacliff in the interim where he lived for approximately 30 years. He enjoyed helping people and had many, many friends. In 1998 while helping his family with a business in Guymon, OK he met Lawana Sue Winters Rawls. They were married in Santa Fe, New Mexico on April 13, 1999. They made their home in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife, Lawana Sue Shaffer; brother, Gene Shaffer and wife, Melva, formerly of Guymon, OK; sister, Susan Crouse and husband, Steve of Rose Hill, KS; children, Melissa Rawls Huya and husband, Tim J. of Bridgeport, Tim Rawls of Guthrie, OK; nieces, Gayle Shaffer Patterson and husband, John of Alvin, Rebecca Crouse Perrymore and husband, Brett of Wichita, KS area, Marie Crouse VanArsdale of Wichita, KS; grandchildren, Hanna, Dalton and Clair Elizabeth Huya; great-nephews and niece, Nathan, Railey, Michael, Ronnie and Mikayla.

The family suggests that donations go to the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation in lieu of flowers; CJD Foundation, P.O. Box 5312, Akron, Ohio 44334, 800-659-1991. Their sympathies go to those who have already lost their loved ones to this devastating, rare disease. It is a rapidly progressing, ultimately fatal disease. All efforts should be made to continue research and to find a cure and treatment for this illness. Awareness is the beginning of finding a cure.

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