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January 27, 1946 - July 25, 2015.

Neal Buckner "Buck", 69, rounded all the bases and crossed home plate on July 25, 2015. He died peacefully at home in Casa Grande, AZ surrounded by his loving family. He fought a courageous battle against cancer for several years.

Neal was born on January 27, 1946 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. His family moved to Loveland, Colorado when he was eight years old. He graduated from Loveland High School in 1964 and received his Bachelor's Degree in Business at UNC and served in the Air Force National Guard. He was an accomplished athlete, excelling in wrestling, football, baseball and softball. His ultimate honor was his 2009 induction into the Colorado ASA Fast Pitch Hall of Fame. He met the love of his life, Kathi, in Fort Collins, Colorado and they were married for eighteen years, moving to Casa Grande in 2003.

Neal was devoted to his children and their families. His successful real estate career spanned over forty five years, beginning in Loveland at his dad's brokerage, Buckner Realty, and ending with his own brokerage, Elite Real Estate Pros in Casa Grande. He encouraged and mentored many others along the way. In addition to Kathi, survivors

include his son, Todd and Lisa Buckner of Ft. Collins, Colorado and daughter Jyl and David Phillips of Longmont, Colorado; six grandchildren; two brothers Dick (Sue) Buckner and Steve (Linda) Buckner; his nieces and nephews and his many friends and teammates. Neal was preceded in death by one nephew, Ross Buckner.

An open house to celebrate Neal's life will be held on Sunday, August 30th in Fort Collins from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. You may call 970-669-2188 for details on attending. A celebration in Casa Grande will be held October 24th with location and time to be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Charitable Fund of Central AZ.

"When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a manner that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice."