



William Loven 'Ven' Eskridge

October 11, 1931 - October 15, 2011

William Loven "Ven" Eskridge, Jr., 80, died Saturday, October 15, 2011, at Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

Born Oct. 11, 1931, in Mart, Texas, he was the son of William and Lorene (Griffin) Eskridge. Following high school, Ven served in the Marine Corp during the Korean Conflict from 1950-54. He returned to Fort Worth where he earned a B.S. degree from Texas Christian University.

He married Lola Maxine Linn at the Arapahoe Ranch in Hot Springs County on Aug. 26, 1957. A certified real estate appraiser, Ven was first employed at Ft. Washakie, then for the government VA program. The couple and their family lived in the Waco, Texas, area. Ven retired in 1986, and he and his wife returned to Thermopolis in the late 1990s.

Ven was a member of the National Rifle Association. In Thermopolis, he was member of Community Federated Church. He enjoyed building split bamboo fly rods.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine, of Thermopolis; son, Steven (Laura) of Magnolia, Texas; daughter, Amy Eskridge of Houston, Texas; brother, John Eskridge of Richland Hills, Texas; and four grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be announced in the near future. Mortimore Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

