



TED ZIER



February 13, 1956 ~ July 31, 2023

Ted was born February 13, 1956 to Rose M. (Olind) Zier and Fred Zier in Hardin, MT. He graduated from Hardin High School in 1974, where he participated in FFA, Wrestling and Rodeo. He continued his education at Sheridan Community College, graduating with a degree in Business Management. Ted and his wife Tawni were married in 1985, and settled in Basin WY. Ted became active in the agricultural community managing the Big Horn Co-Op in Basin and later crop advising in the Big Horn Basin. He would join JR Simplot as a crop advisor in the early 2000's until he retired in 2017. After retiring, he continued to be part of the community driving school bus where he enjoyed keeping up with the kids.

When he was in high school, his father took a position as the caretaker for the Big Horn County Fairgrounds in Hardin, MT. Ted helped his dad with this for several years and learned first-hand all the hard work it takes to maintain the grounds before, during and after the fair. After moving to Basin, he became good friends with each of the fair managers and understood the challenges they were facing. Ted donated, lent, or did whatever he could to help with pens, fertilizer, and equipment they might need.

Ted would have two sons, Kaleb and Colton. He was very active in their childhoods and as they became more active in sports, FFA and various other activities, he was right there with them driving bus, running the field taking stats at football games or helping with their projects. Ted enjoyed helping with the concession stands for the Greybull Athletic Club at the BHC Fair, flipping 1000's of burgers and brats! Every year he enjoyed attending multiple events at the fair, starting with the Pig Show on Wednesday night, all the way through the Demo Derby on Sunday.

He attended many banquets, auctions and award ceremonies, and was very proud of each kid's success. He was awarded an honorary Chapter degree with Paintrock FFA. He will be remembered by the community for not only supporting his kids, but every kid that stopped by, no matter what they were involved in. He strongly believed in getting the "next generation" involved with their family farms and agri-business. He would help them in any way he could, whether it be giving advice on their crops or projects, purchasing an animal at their Jr Livestock Sale, or simply telling them "Good Job"! During his successful career as a crop advisor, he was very proud to know and work with multiple generations of some the families.

**Thank you Ted for all you did for our
athletics, agriculture, & youth programs.**