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**HILLIARD** - Phillip D.

Jeffers M.D., son of Dean W. Jeffers and Ruthe Jeffers (Workman), passed away on January 6, 2023.

He was born in Columbus, Ohio February 7, 1948, and raised in Woodsfield, Reynoldsburg, and Arlington Ohio before attending Miami University of Ohio.

Phil received his Degree of Medicine at The Ohio State University. From there he went on to further his education at: University of Utah, Surgical Internship, OSU College of Medicine Orthopaedic Surgery, 1975-79, Board Certified, and University of Denver, Shoulder Fellowship. Phil maintained a prestigious career at the Orthopedic Center of Columbus for nearly 30 years which included becoming President of the Columbus Surgical Society in 1991.

Upon retirement as a surgeon, Phil embraced the challenging life of a cattle rancher. His love and respect of the mountains and wildlife allowed him to be a champion for his cattle, horses, and beloved dogs. Phil lived by the creed "always do your best and leave the rest to God." Phil's passion for the life of a rancher and owner of the historic O-Bar-O Ranch and Headquarters was a close second to his dedication as an accomplished orthopedic surgeon. Phil was a master storyteller and quite a character. He was dedicated to many organizations, mission work, and clubs

including being a true trailblazer in the "Roundup Riders of the Rockies;" a group dedicated to creating and maintaining public and private trails as well as an active member of the Nogal Community Church. Phillip is preceded in death by his parents, sister Deanna, and son Chad. Survived by his loving family; wife Kelsey, sons Drew D. (Jessica), Phillip T. (Jacquelyn), granddaughter Ashley Jeffers, nieces and nephew, and many special lifelong friends. There will be a private family ceremony at the O-Bar-O Ranch, on the land he loved and cherished. Donations can be made in his name to the Roundup Riders of the Rockies Heritage and Trails Foundation as well as The Wilds in Cumberland, Ohio.