

# Bill Mosher – 1953-2017



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Bill Mosher, a descendent of several prominent South Lake Tahoe pioneer families, has died. He was 64.

William Merwin Mosher IV passed away Jan. 6, 2017, after a lifelong battle with rheumatoid arthritis.

He was born Jan. 2, 1953 in Sacramento to Melba and William G. Mosher Sr.

Mr. Mosher was a fourth generation cattleman in South Lake Tahoe and Sloughhouse. He ran cattle from the Barton Ranch to their summer range on family property in South Lake Tahoe.

He was owner/operator of the WM Cattle Co. With his easy going personality he had the same cattle crew for many years.

While serving as president of the Amador El Dorado Sacramento County Cattlemen's Association he organized the Cattlemen's Jackpot Show, which he continued for more than 30 years.

He also served on the Sloughhouse RCD Board and the last

several years as chairman. He hosted many events including the Sheriff's Ride and Elk Grove's Project Ride at the Barton Ranch. He spent many years helping with Elk Grove's Western Festival Days.

Mr. Mosher was a 45-year member of Elk Grove Parlor No. 41 Native Sons of the Golden West.

He had a love for agriculture, was an avid reader and loved his family. During his childhood Mr. Mosher went on many trips and visited many countries with his grandparents.

Mr. Mosher was a graduate of Elk Grove High School and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

He was preceded in death by father William G. Mosher Sr., grandparents Lester and Fay Ledbetter, grandparents William and Rosalyn Mosher, great-aunt Alva Barton, uncle William Ledbetter and aunt Madelyn Valensin.

He is survived by wife Kay of 39 years; daughter Melanie Mosher Baiz (Sean) and grandchildren Madelyn and William; his mother Melba Mosher; sisters Faye Krull (Robert) and Ouida Garms (Herb); and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral Mass will be said at St. Vincent de Paul, 14673 Cantova Way, Rancho Murieta on Jan. 14 at 10am.

Donations may be made to Project Ride, 8840 Southside Ave., Elk Grove, CA 95624.