



BRUCE DENNIS MONIZ

July 3, 1947 - March 11, 2017

Bruce Moniz passed away March 11, 2017, surrounded by family. He was 69.

Bruce was born July 3, 1947 in Sacramento to Albert and Althera Moniz. Bruce moved to Nevada County in the 1960's and graduated from Nevada Union High School in 1966.

In high school, Bruce was very active in sports including football, baseball and wrestling. He was also a member of Nevada Union's FFA program.

After high school Bruce coached Senior Divisions of Little League for many years as well as coaching Junior Miner's Football.

He worked locally for Robinson Enterprises, Inc., MBI, and Hansen Bros. Enterprises.

Bruce spent many years as a volunteer fire fighter with Rough and Ready Fire Department, Nevada City Fire Department and 23 years with Grass Valley Fire Department rising to the rank of First Assistant Fire Chief.

He was also involved with junior bull riding being a founding board member of the Western Regional Bull Riders Association as well as being a stock contractor.

Bruce was a 22 year member of the Grass Valley Rifle, Rod and Gun Club and loved spending time at their lodge at Fuller Lake.

Bruce's greatest joy was his children and especially his grandchildren.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Billi; son Brian (Jo) Moniz; daughters Chris (Matt) Farey and Amy Allen; his brother Gary (Donna) Moniz; and sister, Nancy Warren. He is also survived by his three grandchildren, Amberlyn Slining-Farey, Nathan Farey; and Travis Moniz and great-granddaughter, Madelyn Grace Canon-Farey, along with numerous nephews and nieces, as well as his dogs, Sassy and Leena and his mule, Molly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Althera Moniz; sister, Debbie Moniz; and grandson, Cody Moniz.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Grass Valley Volunteer Firefighters' Association (P.O. Box 3268, Grass Valley, CA 95945) or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (www.pancan.org).