

David Milton Muller

February 28, 1936 - July 11, 2025

Born in Turlock at Emanuel Hospital to Carl and Ebba Muller, Dave attended Denair schools kindergarten through high school. Dave told the story that when in second grade, he met a cute first grade girl who had taken over the sandbox during recess. That little girl, Bonnie Troedson, became the “joy” of his life.

Dave graduated high school and attended UC Davis earning a BS in Plant Science. He then served two years in the Army. Dave and Bonnie were married during this time. After his service, they returned to UC Davis where Dave completed his Masters in Ag Economics. Dave and Bonnie returned to the family farm in 1961 where they lived and raised their family. Dave focused on developing a Holstein herd that was second to none. He instilled values of hard work, honesty, and gratitude to his family and many others who spent time with him working on the ranch.

Dave was very community oriented. He devoted himself to the Denair School Board, Masonic Lodge, Farm Credit, Nazareth and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches, Rotary, and the Saturday/Knife and Fork Club, among others.

Dave is survived by Bonnie, his sister Betty Jo Brown, four children Bart, Eric (Lisa), Wesley (Andrewa), Amy (Thad), ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Ebba, and brother-in-law Bill Brown.

In lieu of flowers, please send remembrances to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Westside Ministries or the Salvation Army.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 640 N. Minaret Ave., Turlock, CA 95380. Following the memorial service, a celebration of life will be held at 12:30 p.m. at Denair Community Center, 3850 N. Gratton Rd., Denair, CA 95316.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
640 N Minaret Ave
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 667-7712

Celebration of Life

AUG **15**. 12:30 PM (PT)

Denair Community Center
3850 N Gratton Rd.
Denair, CA 95316

Tribute Wall

KT

“ *Dave was such a wise and special man. He loved his family and was always interested in hearing about others. He will be missed.*

Love The Taylor Family

Kelley Taylor - August 18, 2025 at 12:56 PM

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“ *Our family lived down the road from the Mullers and my brother and I spent lots of time at their house and around the dairy. I believe Dave gave my brother Van his first job. I remember him as quiet and kind and always got a kick out of seeing him drive past our house in the traditional green and yellow Muller Dairy Farm flat bed truck, often with a dog on the back. The community has lost a good one and I send so much love and sympathy to Bonnie, Amy, Bart, Eric, and Wes.*

Summer Wray Sterling - July 25, 2025 at 10:59 PM

GS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Gary and Shirley - July 22, 2025 at 12:59 PM

TF

“ *Dave was ONE AMAZING MAN! We already miss him!*

The Dickinson Family - July 20, 2025 at 01:24 AM



“ *Dave. Now who will tell me to slow down and enjoy life? Love to each. Thank you for loving your wife as Christ loves His Church. Thank you for each memory You will be missed forever*

JoLynn DiGrazia - July 19, 2025 at 01:08 PM

CH

“ I have enjoyed several reunions (class of 52) at the Muller ranch. My prayers are with the Muller family. Dave was Mr. Denair as he served the community so graciously.

Cliff Hamlow

Cliff Hamlow - July 19, 2025 at 01:03 PM

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“ Dave Muller was one of the best men we have ever had the honor of knowing. We were his neighbors in the 70's to the mid-80's. He was always willing to help no matter what the problem. Once when my husband's boys decided to sell rocks (anyone could do a lemonade stand) he came over and made their first sale of the day. He made them so happy. When our dog got hit, he was there to help, when our irrigation overflowed, he didn't get angry, he helped us get cows in, and we help him the same. Dave was a good dairyman and farmer. Most of all he lived his faith and shared his values. Our loss is Heaven's gain, our condolences to his family, and we know you will meet again.

Melody & Tony Lema

Melody F Lema - July 18, 2025 at 08:00 PM

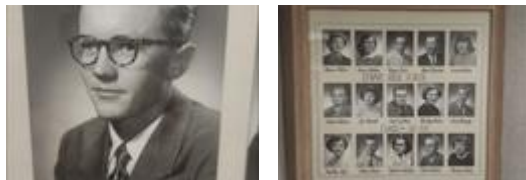
TS

“ Dave was a wonderful man! He went out of his way to meet me when I became Superintendent in 2018 and I had the pleasure of talking with him many times over the years. He will be missed.

Terry Metzger, Denair Superintendent - July 18, 2025 at 04:53 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Denair High School



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