



William Alfred Lucking III (1944 - 2014)

"Buzzactch Think of all those cars we drove off car lots and..."
- Dean Potter

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Bill Lucking, 70, passed away peacefully at his Ventura home on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, following a battle with cancer. He was born January 27, 1944 in Indio, California, the son of William Alfred Lucking, Jr. and Helen Burnett Lucking. He lived in California all of his life, growing up in Ojai. He was educated at Monica Ros School and Ojai Valley School, and graduated from the Webb School in Claremont. He attended UC Berkeley, San Jose State College, Ventura College, and Menlo College, where he earned his undergraduate degree. Bill married twice, to Dawn Wyatt and to Bonnie Rees Arwood. He was a lifelong swimmer, surfer and athlete; for many years, he could be seen swimming around the pier or running on the beach, just for exercise.

In 1970, he earned a MBA at Pepperdine, and later trained at a food-service school and worked at fast-food restaurants in Santa Barbara County. In January 1976, he opened the Hitching Post Restaurant (now Sea Fresh Sea Food) and soon he, his wife Dawn and children Will and Blythe moved to Ojai. It was not a long stay but it was wonderful having him close to home. He was employed as an Inspector II by the County of Ventura Weights and Measures for 29 years, returning to work part-time after his retirement.

In 1985, Bill married the woman who was to be the love of his life, Bonnie Rees Arwood, and in 1989 they greeted their daughter Alison. He and Bonnie enjoyed restoring their historic Ventura home and a second hoe, of which they were very proud. Shortly after they moved into their home, Bonnie passed away, but Bill completed the home projects, both historical and restoration triumphs, and a tribute to Bonnie. Bill was hugely proud of the plaque placed on the front lawn.

Bill leaves a son, William Alfred "Will" Lucking, IV of Long Beach; daughters, Blythe Alapa of Santa Rosa and Alison Lucking of Ventura; stepson, Eric Arwood of Washington; three grandchildren, Ena, Jasmine and Keoni Alapa; sisters, Helen "Lana" Fredell of Ojai, Ruth Col of Las Vegas and Carly (Ernie) Ford of Ojai; many cousins, nieces and nephews, and former wife, Dawn Everson.

At Bill's request there will be no funeral. Please join Bill's family and friends in a "Celebration of Bill's Life," at 11:00 am, on Saturday, January 17, 2015, at the Ford Ranch on Maricopa Highway in Ojai. Please call 805-646-5004 for directions. The family wishes to thank Drs. James Helmer and Joshua Rosenberg and Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association for their care and support.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ojai Valley School, 723 El Paseo Rd, Ojai, CA 93023: or to the Ojai Valley Museum, 130 W Ojai Ave, Ojai, CA 93023.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Ted Mayr Funeral Home, 3150 Loma Vista Road, Ventura. Condolences may be left at TedMayrFuneralHome.com.

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