



## Lee Mecham

November 20, 1930 - May 11, 2017

Lee Mecham ('Bampa' to his grandchildren) of Goleta, CA passed away on May 11, 2017 at the age of 86. Lee was a special soul who made friends with everybody, and was respected as someone who knew the value in keeping his word.

Lee married his high school sweetheart, Margaret (Peggie) Mattos, in 1952, just 3 months before proudly serving his country in the Korean War. After his return home from the war he and Peggie (who he affectionately nicknamed Margarita) settled into their Goleta home and began a long life of wonderful memories. In their 64 years of marriage, Lee and Peggie witnessed a lifetime of birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas mornings, Easter egg hunts, camping trips, Thanksgiving dinners, and most frequently, backyard BBQs in their family home.

Lee was a lifetime lover of music, playing in his high school orchestra and band at Santa Barbara High School under Henry Brubeck, marching with the band in the Rose Parade, and later playing in many jazz bands around Santa Barbara. Additionally, he was active in Goleta Valley Girls Softball as a coach, manager and board member for many years. In his later years, he worked part time and as a volunteer for Santa Barbara Air Attack.

Lee was always the life of the party, always ready with an ice-breaking limerick, a teasing joke and a genuine caring demeanor. He attracted people from all walks of life and always treated them equally. He was a proud father and grandfather. Because of the immense influence he had on his loved ones, he made the world a better place.

We love you Bampa and carry you in our hearts. Thank you for being you and giving us all a wonderful life.

Lee is survived by his wife Peggie, his children Leslie, Kellie and Tony, sons- and daughter-in law, Tim, Brian, Misty; and grandchildren Jennifer, Angela, Taylor and Garrett.

A celebration of Lee's life is scheduled for Friday, August 18, 2017, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, at

Stow Grove Park, Area #2, 580 N. La Patera Avenue, Goleta. Come share memories!

In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates donations in memory of Lee to one of his favorite charities – Direct Relief International, 27 S. La Patera Lane, Goleta, CA 93117; or Goleta Valley Girls Softball Association, PO Box 1286, Goleta, CA 93116.