

# Michael James Jungers

Oct 17, 1939 - April 15, 2016



Michael James Jungers passed away at home on April 15, 2016, after several years of declining health. He was born in Kalispell, Montana, the first of four children to Selma and James Jungers, on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1939. He is survived by his wife and team mate of 55 years, Nettie Jungers (Schoentrup), and their children: Tracy Olney (Troy), Jim Jungers (Wendy) and, Janet Goodwater (Dan). Through the years, Mike and Nettie were foster parents to several children and exchange students, too numerous to list. Mike leaves siblings: Sally Niver (David), Robert Jungers (Dawn) and sister in law Sharon Jungers. He was preceded in death by his brother, William Jungers; and posthumously his sister-in-law Dawn Marie Jungers who passed away two days after Mike. Grandpa Mike will be missed by his grandchildren: Rachel, Michael and Rebecca Jungers, Alek and Sam Olney and Brian and Brooke Goodwater.

Mike was a graduate of Edmonds High School (1958), spent eight years in the Marine Corp. Reserves, and worked in the family wood working business before joining All West Breeders Co-op in the 1960's. A career he truly enjoyed and eventually learned so much about. In fact he learned so much about bulls that he became an auctioneer in the 1980's, fulfilling a lifelong dream. Having his own auction business awarded him the opportunity to help others in a variety of ways including fundraising, sponsorship, and volunteering his talents for local charities: however, most important to him was helping Lewis County foster children. He took great pleasure in helping those who were unable to help themselves, and dressed as Santa Claus he obtained and delivered gifts to hundreds of children for over a decade. Over the years he served as a Reserve Police Officer in California and in Winlock, WA.

Mike loved family, friends, children, animals, and being an Auctioneer. He could and would tell stories and jokes any day of the week to get a good laugh – always the best medicine. He will be missed here on earth, but is most likely

singing and auctioning in the big arena upstairs.

A memorial and storytelling for Mike will be held on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Village at Cordata Clubhouse, 4848 Village Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226. Please join us or share your stories of Mike by going to [winepixie66@gmail.com](mailto:winepixie66@gmail.com) to share your memories.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be sent to Northwest Therapeutic Riding Center, <http://www.nwtrc.org/> 1884 Kelly Road, Bellingham, WA 98226



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