

**Terry LaVerne Bullard(1946 - 2016)****Terry LaVerne Bullard**

Terry LaVerne Bullard of Yuba City, passed away peacefully on January 25, 2016 at the age of 69. The youngest of three children, Terry was born on October 1, 1946 to Evelyn and Loring Bullard in Yuba City, and has been a lifelong resident of Yuba City.

Terry graduated from Yuba City High School and attended Yuba College. While in high school, he was the president of the Lettermen's Club in his Senior year and was very active in Future Farmers of America, raising sheep and steers to show at the County Fair. He worked for 20 years as a grocery clerk, first at the Sutter Market on Colusa Highway, and then at the Yuba Market in Marysville, and later at Avalon Bay Foods.

Terry was the beloved husband of Phyllis (Emery) Bullard for 46 years, loving father of two children: Tim (Crystal) Bullard and Angela (Kevin) Shields, and the proud Papa of five grandchildren, Jordan, Brennan, and Carson Bullard, and Dylan and Lauren Shields. He is also survived by his brother, Larry Bullard of West Sacramento, and his sister Deanna Prothero of Yuba City.

Terry was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn Bullard Bryan, his father Loring Bullard and his brother-in-law Ed Prothero.

In his early days, Terry was an outstanding athlete, playing football in grammar school and four years at Yuba City High School, and baseball from Little League, Babe Ruth and being on the Varsity baseball team for four years in high school. After graduating in 1964, Terry was signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates as a catcher, where he played two years for the Salem, Virginia Rebels in the Pirates' farm Appalachian League. When he returned to Yuba City, Terry played for the Yuba City Twins and the Marysville Giants semi pro teams, and in later years softball at Blackburn Talley.

In March 2015, Terry had the honor of being inducted in the Northern California Sports Associate Hall of Fame along with members of his 1963 Yuba City High Football team, who were undefeated against league opponents in the four years they played together.

Terry's passion for sports was passed on to his children as well as his grandchildren. He loved attending his children's baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, volleyball and football games, and his grandchildren's baseball, softball, basketball and soccer games. He was an inspiring Little League assistant coach at Peach Bowl Little League many years, and once his son was old enough to play baseball, he coached his teams at Sutter Buttes Little League, from T-ball through Big League including two All Star Teams. For two years he was an Assistant Coach for his daughter's Sutter High School Softball Team that won League championships both years. If he wasn't watching professional baseball on TV, he was taking his family and friends to watch the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A's play baseball.

Terry will be remembered for his kind heart, his willingness to help anyone in need, his sense of humor, his approachable nature, his love for family and friends, and the loving birthday poems he wrote to his children and his grandchildren every year. Terry will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him, especially his children and grandchildren, and those who learned the love for and the skills of baseball and softball from him.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Visitors Memorial Wall Center at the Sutter Cemetery at 7200 Butte Avenue in Sutter on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 10:00 am. A reception will follow the service at the home of George and Shyrlie Emery at 5470 South Butte Road.

In memory of Terry, donations may be made to the [Cancer Society](#) , the Sutter County Museum, or the [charity of your choice](#) .

Arrangements are under the direction of Ullrey Memorial Chapel

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