

# Allen & Dahl Funeral Chapel

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## Leonard William Meyer Jr.

(November 29, 1924 - July 22, 2013 )

**Leonard William Meyer Jr., 86, of Redding, ca. Devoted husband and father, Passed away July 22, 2012.**

**He was an only child born to Elizabeth Stowers Meyer and Leonard William Meyer Sr.**

**He attended elementary through high school in Rosenberg, Texas.**

**A memorable experience in his life was when the family went to the World's Fair in Chicago. They were able to go with the money earned by his dad roping in rodeos.**

**When he was 11 years old his mother was killed in an automobile accident while returning from the Houston Fat Stock Show and Rodeo.**



**As a young man he went to Texas A&M for two years before enlisting in the Army Air Force. He did his training at Barkley Field in Colorado and at Harlingen, Texas.**

**He became a staff sergeant and artillery gunner with the 63rd B&B Squad. He was honorably discharged with a Purple Heart, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross and Victory Medal.**

**Upon his return from the service he again attended A&M. During this time he visited West Columbia with his friend John Gupton (another Aggie) where he met his wife of 63 years Frances Ruth Grandstaff.**

**They were engaged for two years and married on January 22, 1949.**

**They went to Southwest College so he could finish his degree which he received in Agra Business and Biology and a permanent degree as a high school teacher.**

**Upon graduation he went to work for Jefferson Lake Sulfur Company starting on the gang and working his way up to safety engineer.**

**Upon Bing and Kathryn Crosby's purchase of Rising River Ranch in 1959 he was asked to manage the property. During his 25 years there he developed a superior breed of Charolais cattle and brought fine registered quarter horses from Texas to California including an own daughter of King P-234.**

**He had two sons - Bill and Alan Meyer.**

**Bill showed horses to much success and Alan had a championship show string of Charolais cattle.**

**Leonard had a strong commitment and love for his community. He was instrumental in helping build the Fall River High School Baseball field and brought Jackie Jensen to town to give the Burney Pony League athletes a workshop.**

**He was a key player in persuading PG&E to donate the land for the Fall River Golf Course.**

**He ran trail rides through Lassen Park for several years, having a permanent impact on the youth in that area.**

**Leonard and Frances moved to Redding in 1978 upon the death of Bing Crosby and the sale of Rising River Ranch.**

**He worked for West Coast Harris Laboratories developing soils and later became a real estate broker for the Redding area.**

**During their time in Redding they loved and played much tennis at the Riverview Country Club and Sun Oaks Racquet Club.**

**He retired in 2005 to devote his time to his many, many, many, many puppies who all grew**

into very large DOGS.

**SPECIAL thanks GO to BRANdON Gutierrez, Pat VallADON, CHUCK Chain, RiCh Camilliere, Ben MADDOX, Dr. Russell Mann, Patrick Jones, Fred and Ann Meyer, Josh Pollard, all at Mercy HOSPice and Hartnell Fire & Rescue.**

**He is survived By his wife Frances, his two sons Bill (Barbara) and Alan (Esperanza), his GrandChildren Lance and Elizabeth and Great GrandChild Avery. He also survived By his sister in-law Kathryn Crosby and her three Children Mary, Harry and Nathaniel Crosby.**

**Memorial Contributions may Be made to Haven Humane Society of Redding and Mercy HOSPice.**

**Memorial services will Be held at the Northern California Veterans cemetery in IGO, California at 9:30 a.m., Friday AUGUST 2, 2013.**

**Please sign the Guest Book.**

**Arrangements handled through Allen & Dahl Funeral Chapel in Palo CeBro (547-4444). Services are pending at Northern California Veterans cemetery ON AUG. 2**



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