



Fritz Mlekusch

June 16, 1929 - October 8, 2021

Remembering Fritz brings to mind his many acts of kindness.

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Fritz was born in Austria and spent his early years hiking, skiing and learning a trade...the auto trade. He became proficient in diagnosing and repairing all models of cars. He started in Klagenfurt, Austria working on Fiats, Opals, Mercedes, VWs and Porsches. It's there where he met my Mom. They married and emigrated to America, settling in Fresno, California. Fritz worked at Brittsan Motors on Ventura and Van Ness first as a mechanic (if you google Brittsan Motors there's a photo from 1960, you'll recognize him, he's 3rd from the left in the bottom row) and then in sales. With his German accent, his wonderful personality and his knowledge of cars he was a shoo-in, and soon became one of their top salesmen.

He remained loyal to the car business, and as Fresno grew, and dealerships were bought up by other dealerships over the years, he joined with them. Fritz was the guy you saw 1st when you brought your car in for service. His last permanent dealership move was to Honda North where he was very proud to help the many customers, many of which became friends. Fritz was loved for his friendly, helpful, calm and positive attitude, and always gave his time and his best.

He was also proud to have been a volunteer ski patrolman at China Peak for many decades, and considered his fellow patrol(wo)men his family. He spent much of his time in the Sierra both skiing in winter and camping in summer.

In his lifetime he touched more people than I can imagine even knowing. One in a million doesn't say it anymore. One in 7 million for sure.

He will be missed.

He won't soon be forgotten...Rest in Peace Fritz

Tribute Wall



“ *Fritz Mlekusch*

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“ *My Uncle Fritz always gave you a kiss on the lips and had the best yodel at China Peak. He gave my older sister her first pair of skis and we owe our skiing life to him for introducing The Terzian's to skiing at China Peak. He and Kitty hosted the best parties. Always plenty of adult beverages and laughter. I loved their poodle and always wished we had one. Their backyard was like an oasis of walkways and plants. My aunt was a nurse and had a strong influence on my choice of becoming a nurse. My sister and I visited Kitty and Fritz whenever we were in Fresno over the past years. It was always fun to catch up.*

They were also my godparents so will always have a special place in my heart

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