

62nd Annual Laton Lions Old Timers

Delbert & Carolyn Mello



Delbert and Carolyn Mello have been proud members of the Laton community their entire lives. Both attended Laton schools, where they met and began a lifelong partnership. High school sweethearts, they were married on November 20, 1971.

Together, they built a beautiful family, raising six children and now enjoying the blessings of their eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Carolyn has been a true pioneer and pillar of the community. She made history as the first young woman in Laton to join FFA, paving the way for future generations. Alongside raising their six children, Carolyn worked both on the ranch and outside the home for many years balancing countless responsibilities with strength and dedication. She was deeply involved in her children's lives and in the community, volunteering in numerous school programs and events as well as serving as a Girl Scout troop leader.

Delbert also has a long history of service and dedication. In 1970, he was a member of the Laton FFA Dairy Judging team that earned first place in the state at Cal-Poly. He went on to serve six years in the army reserves and remained actively involved in local leadership. Delbert served on the Fresno County Parks and Recreation Board for eight years helping develop and improve local spaces including Laton-Kingston Park, Avocado Lake and Skaggs Bridge. He also served 24

years on the Laton Unified School District Board and continues to serve on the FFA Advisory Board .

Together Delbert and Carolyn built not only a strong family, but a life rooted in hard work, agriculture and service. Whether working the ranch, supporting their children or giving back to their community they have always led by example. They also enjoy spending time gardening, traveling, hunting, and antiquing.

Their lifelong commitment to family, community, and the values that define Laton has made a lasting impact they are truly honored as this year's "Old Timers" representing the heart and the history of their hometown.