



Del Meyer Park History

Delton Meyer, known as Del to most who knew him, was a longtime resident of Elk Grove and a successful businessman with a heart for helping his community.

Del moved to Elk Grove with his family from North Dakota when he was in sixth grade. While attending Elk Grove High School in the 1950's, Del worked at Bob Batey Chevrolet and later Capitol City Chevrolet. He opened his own business, Valley Motor Parts in 1962. In 1968, he acquired Boulevard Motors and eventually merged the two businesses into one Valley Motor Parts business at facilities on Dino Drive in east Elk Grove.

Del was a volunteer fireman for the Elk Grove Fire Department when the fire whistle was still the community's main dispatching system. He volunteered alongside friends like John Zehnder and Don Veninga. Along with John Jackson, these four formed a development company called JMVZ. This company played a significant role in the development of Elk Grove's east side.

Del was an active and respected member of the Rotary Club of Elk Grove. He was a Past President and a recipient of the distinguished Paul Harris Fellow award – the highest honor a Rotarian can receive.

An avid golfer, Del was active in the planning of the Rotary's annual Walt Davis Memorial Golf Tournament, an event that raised funds for local scholarships. A dedicated business man, he also served as a director for the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce.

Del coached his son Todd's Little League baseball team and also became involved later in Project R.I.D.E., a local equestrian program for children with disabilities.

Family was extremely important to Del. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and children. He and his son relished trips to several auto races including the Indianapolis 500. And he delighted in the birth and upbringing of his grandson, Taran Meyer. The two enjoyed many good times riding around in Del's golf cart.

In 2000, Del passed away suddenly at the age of 64. In memoriam, the CSD is pleased to join the Rotary Club of Elk Grove and his family – wife Darlyn, son Todd Meyer, and daughters Shanda Frank and Kelly Trenalone – in honoring Del Meyer.

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