



Homer "Nute" Mullings

February 28, 1952 - May 27, 2024

Homer "Nute" Mullings, 72, of Truckee, California passed away unexpectedly on May 27th, 2024.

Nute was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico on February 28th, 1952. He was raised in Santa Fe,

New Mexico where he attended local public schools and competed on his high school swim

team. Nute's father ran a local burger shop where Nute spent a lot of time working. His parents

took the family camping, skiing and hunting; and supported him in Boy Scouts which all fostered

his love of the outdoors. After Nute graduated from Santa Fe High School in 1970, he studied to

become a refrigeration technician. He worked in that trade for a couple of years before skiing

called him to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. There he started his lifelong career in building, and it

was there that he started to learn to raft. Rafting became one of his passions and shaped his

future life in many ways.

Nute moved to Denali, Alaska in 1985 and started guiding rafts down the Nenana River, which

afforded him the opportunity to explore Alaska. He rowed up to six trips a day, each time for eleven miles with ten people in a raft. The people he worked with that first summer became lifelong friends. The next year he started taking photos of the rafters on the river and his photography business flourished for the next ten summers. He lived out of a tent while he was working and exploring his new home base, but eventually built his own cabin just outside of Denali National Park. In the winters he lived in Reno, Nevada where he worked construction until heading back to Alaska for the summer raft season. Rafting took Nute across the world –to Costa Rica, Honduras, and Mexico. In 1989, he traveled to Russia to participate in the whitewater rafting nationals – Project Raft. Some of his favorite river trips included the Yampa in Colorado and Utah, the Main and Middle Forks of the Salmon in Idaho, the North Fork of the American and Yuba in California, the Nenana River in Alaska, and the Carson River in Nevada, which was a true family favorite. He also rowed the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon ten times. This is a 16-21 day trip through some of the biggest and most challenging whitewater, complemented by fabulous hikes. Five of these trips included his wife, and one memorable trip included his two children. In 1990, Nute met his wife Sonja through whitewater rafting friends. Their friendship blossomed into a beautiful love and Nute proposed to Sonja in the spring of 1995 by the

Cal Salmon River.

They married in 1996 at Loch Leven Lodge on Donner Lake.

In Truckee, they set down their roots. In the winter of 1995 to 1996, Nute spent five tireless

months building the house that became the family's home. Nute and Sonja had two children

together--Skyler Mullings and Kianna Mullings. The children were raised in the house that Nute

built and they will cherish the years they spent celebrating both daily life and life's milestone's together.

Nute worked in construction for most of his career, helping to build some of the biggest and most

beautiful houses in the Truckee-Tahoe community. After his retirement in 2018, Nute enjoyed

the simple things in life—his morning coffee, his garden, the outdoors and his family. He

supported all the friends and family who surrounded him, but he adored his children and his wife.

Nute's love for rafting was only a small part of his love for the outdoors. He also loved Nordic

and Alpine skiing, biking, hiking and gardening. He especially loved cross-country skiing with

his dog Nala in the Van Norden meadow. And in the summertime, Nute and Nala would spend

lots of time walking in a meadow behind their family home.

When his kids were cross country ski racing, one could find Nute volunteering at Auburn Ski

Club by setting up the race courses. Behind the scenes, Nute also would

support his children by helping wax their skis before races and he almost never missed one of Sklyer or Kianna's competitions. Recently, Nute and Sonja got a motorhome, which allowed them to explore more beautiful sceneries, as well as creating opportunities to visit friends and family. Nute was a true craftsman. Whatever he did, he did it well. He was able to build and fix almost anything, but woodworking was a special love. After retirement he did many refinishing projects within the home, and he created special pieces his children will always cherish.

Nute was preceded in death by his parents Charles Joseph Mullings and Cynthia Ann (Nute) Thompson, his brother Dewey Mullings, and mother-in-law Darlene Shaw. He is survived by his wife Sonja Harris, children Skyler Harrison Mullings (Cassidy Fuller) and Kianna Darlene Mullings, siblings Bern Mullings and Cyndy Mullings, step siblings Deb Thompson and Sarah Kneefel, as well as many brothers-in law, sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Nute will be missed dearly and will always be remembered as a loving and supportive husband, father, and friend. There will be a Celebration of Life held at Auburn Ski Club in Truckee, CA on September 14, 2024, at 3:00 PM with a reception to follow. In Nute's words, "Don't forget to have fun!"

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **14.** 3:00 PM.

Auburn Ski Club
Truckee, CA

Tribute Wall



AV

“ *Sonja & family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you this afternoon as you have Nute's Memorial service. We were also shocked by his sudden death. He was always in such good shape and regularly worked out in some way. While we never got to know him well, it was always evident that family was so important to him. May God be with you in this time of grief and may you find comfort with family and friends today and in the. times to come. Allen & Janice Vik*

Allen Vik - September 14, 2024 at 05:03 PM



“ *Sonja, I am shocked to learn of Nute's passing on May 27th. I am saddened, knowing that your soul mate, best friend, and father of Skylar and Kianna has left this world. His life story tells of a man who lived life large, gave to others and with an adventurous spirit that lead your family to beautiful places. You are strong to carry-on with Skylar & Kianna, as Nute will always be with you, on every trail, river, and ski trail. Please know that I am sending my love and prayers to you and your family. God Bless you, Jill Tipton*

Jill Tipton - August 21, 2024 at 08:35 PM

CA

“ What can person say after such a great loss? Nute was just a very good friend and river loving man. Always a pleasure to see, sadly just not enough with him in Truckee and me in Reno. We did have some very great times on river and shore. Mental support sent to Sonya, Skylar and Kianna for such a great loss. Sadly I was taking a break on the Truckee Town Run across from their home when we heard sirens and responders headed up that way with a bad feeling in my head. Another of great folks lost of late.

Charles Albright

Charles Albright - August 13, 2024 at 11:26 PM

PM

“ We got to know Nute on some big, multi day rafting adventures. Nute, being a quiet and humble man was never the 1st person you saw in a crowd. But once you took the time to notice, you saw he was usually the hardest worker and was always thinking of the entire group's welfare. He was always the guy tending the firepan, or the groover, or purifying the drinking water. He was the guy that took the initiative to set up a stove and make soup at lunch one freezing day when almost everybody on the river was near or at hypothermia, including him. He was always very calm and relaxed under stress. When those about him where losing their head, he was solid. His sense of humor was dry and subtle, but very sharp and disarming. Nute was always #1 on our list for rafting adventures. As we would say after scouting a tough rapid, we'll see you on the other side!

Pete & Moira - July 28, 2024 at 02:17 PM

CM

“ These this photo of my dear brother Nute is my personal favorites, a little history, when we were kids he fell about 30 feet from a cotton wood tree. We were playing hide and seek, he climbed to the first limb to get a view of were we were hiding (I have no idea how he did this), the bark peeled off and he hit the ground breaking his back and sternum. He spent a good amount of time in the hospital in a full upper body cast, the doctors told him when you can walk you can go home. He got up and walked! As a family we started competitive swimming to help with his healing, this injury was one of the reasons he received a 4F from the military (they questioned his strength). He was one of the strongest of us kids, back packing, skiing, unstoppable in the pool, construction work, rafting, never quitting when it got ruff, I could always rely on him! Nute had the sweetest, kindest eyes, and we both loved Indian Paint Brush, the photo of the paint brush I took three days after he passed on a walk in the Laramie plains, there were no other flowers or paint brush in bloom.



Cyndy Mullings - July 18, 2024 at 01:31 PM

KM

“ Nute was a very generous man and always willing to help before, during, and after the xc ski races. Even the blizzards wouldn't stop him. He was an amazing man, and I'm so sorry he's no longer with us. My love and sincerest condolences go out to Sonja, Skyler, and Kianna. - Kelly M

Kelly M - July 18, 2024 at 08:21 AM

LI

“ A Beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. He did not waste time on this earth with sitting around. He spent it in nature, invested in being with those he loved. God gave him many gifts and he shared them generously. What a great warm heart he had. So very sorry for your loss. Love, Liz

Liz - July 17, 2024 at 01:16 PM

SL

“ It was always a pleasure to see Nute's familiar face when he would come to our annual yard sales when the kids were small! He ALWAYS bought something from my kids to have for his kids! Then there were all the meadow dog walks together. So fun to hear about what the family was up to & what the next adventure was going to be! A wonderful man that is missed so very much! Hugs to your family from mine.

Sandee Lade - July 16, 2024 at 11:38 AM

KW

“ A much younger Nute up in Denali when we first met him, and both he & Kevin still had a full head of hair. Just before we met you Sonja. The start of a wonderful friendship. Kevin doesn't seek out many friendships, Nute was an exception for him. We loved every minute, watching the kids grow & playing on the many rivers. We're the lucky ones❤️



Kevin & Jeri Wohn - July 16, 2024 at 01:38 AM

SM

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Skyler Mullings - July 13, 2024 at 07:28 PM