

Mikel Jay Moreno

January 29, 1988 - May 19, 2006

Mikel Moreno was born in Yuba City, California, beloved son of Julio and Cindy Moreno of Marysville; grandson of Cotton Rosser and Linda Rosser.

Mikel attended Lone Tree School and was an honor student and all-around athlete at Bear River Intermediate School. At Wheatland High School he lettered in football, basketball, track and was a great friend to many. Mikel won many coaches and athletic awards throughout his school years. Most recently Mike was chosen King of the 2006 Prom. He was awarded an academic letter for maintaining a 3.5 GPA and a graduate in the class of 2006. Mikel was accepted at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco.



Mikel was a fixture at the Flying U Rodeos and PBR Bull Ridings. His extensive talents of mixing the music for each performance; flanking his bulls Monsoon, Reindeer, Hot Water, Waterproof, Water Patrol as well as sorting stock with the crew and feeding at days end. A true passion of Mikel's was assisting his dad in the training of the young bulls at the ranch after school. In 2003, he was awarded the Rodeo Stock Registry "Breeder of the Year" in Stephenville, Texas. Mikel's hobbies included paintball, and it was his "Make a Wish" grant for paintball equipment. Like all young men he loved music, recording tunes into his Ipod, and driving his truck with the speakers blaring. Mikel collected sports memorabilia which included collectable cards and jerseys. An avid Kings fan with his dad as well as Mikel was a loyal viewer of the Food Network with his mom.

He was known throughout the country for his courage and strength battling cancer for three long years. Mikel was surrounded by many friends and family throughout his courageous fight. Mikel's legacy will be carried on through the bucking bull breeding program that he and his dad started years ago with the great sire, White Water.

Mikel will be greatly missed in the hearts of family, friends, cowboys and everyone that had the true privilege and pleasure of knowing him.

Mikel will be remembered through the foundations and scholarships that have been established in his name. For details contact: Stockmens Bank, 9340 E. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove, CA. 95624 (916) 685-6546

