

Moffat County Fair Dedicated to The Memory of Tom Maneotis

It is our honor to dedicate the 2022 Moffat County Fair Memorial to Steve Maneotis best known to most as Tom.

Tom was born in Oak Creek, Colorado in 1934. At age 1, he and his father moved to Greece where his father remarried and had two more boys. The family came back to the United States in 1946, settling in Craig and establishing one of the first sheep ranches in Northwest Colorado.

Tom married his wife Dedra in 1955 and 60 days later was drafted into the Army where he served 18 months in Korea. To their union, they had four children: Tony, Steve, Irene, and Chris, 10 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. Tom and Dedra bought, what is now, Victory Motors in 1976 and retired in 1991 when the kids took the reins.

“He loved people, he loved helping, he was a man you could go to for advice and many did. You may not always like what he told you, but he was black and white. There was never a doubt where he stood.” “If you ran into Tom you were going to get a heartfelt hug and kiss followed up many times by a joke.” “He was proud of his Greek Heritage and if it were ever challenged, be prepared for a tongue lashing at the very least, sometimes more!”

“One of his favorite sayings during his last days was, “If I’m not here to see you tomorrow then Hello.”

Tom was an active member of the Craig Rural Fire Department for several years. “He was also highly respected in the automotive industry and served on many Dealer Councils during his tenure as dealer principal.”

Tom was prolific in his support of Moffat County and its citizens: sponsoring, donating, and volunteering to community organizations and events since the late 1970s.

It was a privilege to know Tom and an honor to dedicate the 2022 Moffat County Fair in Memoriam.