

Wayne Mosegard, a lifelong advocate for agriculture, a loving father and grandfather, and a 4-H leader whose impact spanned over three decades was born on January 1, 1946, to Helen (Rubis) and Frank Mosegard in Basin, Wyoming. Wayne was raised on the family farm outside of Manderson. Though he wasn't involved in 4-H as a child, he found his early love for agriculture through raising sheep and cattle and through active participation in FFA at Manderson-Hyattville High School. Whether competing in speech contests or livestock and agronomy judging, Wayne's passion for agriculture was evident early on and carried him through his college years at the University of Wyoming, where he earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture.

Wayne returned home after college to farm alongside his father. Together, they raised barley, corn, sugar beets, hay, and managed a sheep feedlot in the winter. But his most important crop was the one he nurtured at home—his four children: Monty, Brenda, Amy, and Erin.

Wayne became a 4-H leader when his kids were old enough to join, and for more than 30 years he guided not only his own children but many others in the community through the values and lessons the 4-H program instills. Responsibility, accountability, hard work, and integrity were not just taught - they were modeled by Wayne every single day.

Summers at the Mosegard home meant walking lambs, practicing showmanship, and turning the backyard into a show ring with kids from all around coming to learn and prepare for the fair. For the Mosegard family, the Big Horn County Fair wasn't just an event—it was a tradition, and often, the closest thing to a vacation during busy farming seasons.

Even after retiring from farming and as a 4-H leader, Wayne continued to support the program, attending fairs and proudly cheering on his grandchildren—Ryan, Connor, Brooke, and Bailey - as they followed in his footsteps. Whether it was steers at the Big Horn County Fair or pigs, goats, horses, sheep, and even a cat and a duck at the Washakie County Fair, Wayne was in the stands with a smile and a heart full of pride. Wayne's dedication to agriculture and to the development of young people through 4-H has left a lasting impression on all who knew him. His legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched and the values he passed down. We are thankful for the lessons he so lovingly taught.

