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To: Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau

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Subject: Passing of two of our former UCCE colleagues, Mary Bianchi and Bill Weitkamp

Mary Bianchi, UC Cooperative Extension horticulture advisor emeritus, died on Nov. 4th, 2024. She was 67. Mary served the University of California for 32 years, with the last 26 years of her UCCE career in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. With expertise in horticulture, pomology, subtropicals, water management and water quality, she worked with growers and oversaw the UC Master Gardener Program in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. For more detailed information, please see
https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=61153

A Celebration of Life for our friend Mary Bianchi will be held
Saturday, February 8, 2025, beginning at 2 PM
Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall
1000 Main Street in Cambria

For Mary's celebration, please RSVP with the number in your party by January 27 so that the family has a number to give to the caterers. Just click on the following link to RSVP. https://ucanr.edu/marybianchi You only need to RSVP once, even if you receive multiple emails of this invitation.

William "Bill" Weitkamp passed away on December 18th, 2024. Bill was a well-respected member of the UCCE team, headquartered in San Luis Obispo County. He retired in 1999. Bill was a farm advisor in San Mateo County from 1964-1968 and in San Luis Obispo County from 1969-1999.

Bill Weitkamp's memorial service will be held
Saturday, February 8, 2024, beginning at 10am
First United Methodist Church Arroyo Grande
275 North Halcyon Rd
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420