



# *Vernell LeRoy Holte*

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**Born to Ole and Eleanor (Herfindahl) Holte**

July 14, 1942

Stanley, North Dakota

**Passed Away**

December 26, 2025

Burlingame, California

**Celebration Of Life**

Sunday, May 10, 2026 ~ 2:00 PM

Nesets ~ 6844 Hwy 40

Tioga, North Dakota

Lunch will be served following the Memorial Service

**Officiating**

Pastor Mike Olson

**Music**

"Anyway" ~ Martina McBride

"My Way" ~ Willie Nelson

"Old Rugged Cross" ~ Alan Jackson

"Take Me Out To The Ballgame" ~ Carly Simon

**Honorary Urn Bearers**

Brother, Daryle and Sister, Linda Faye

Vern's Nieces and Nephews

**Final Resting Place**

Monday, May 11, 2026 at 11:00 AM

Temple Cemetery

Temple, North Dakota

**Arrangements By**

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

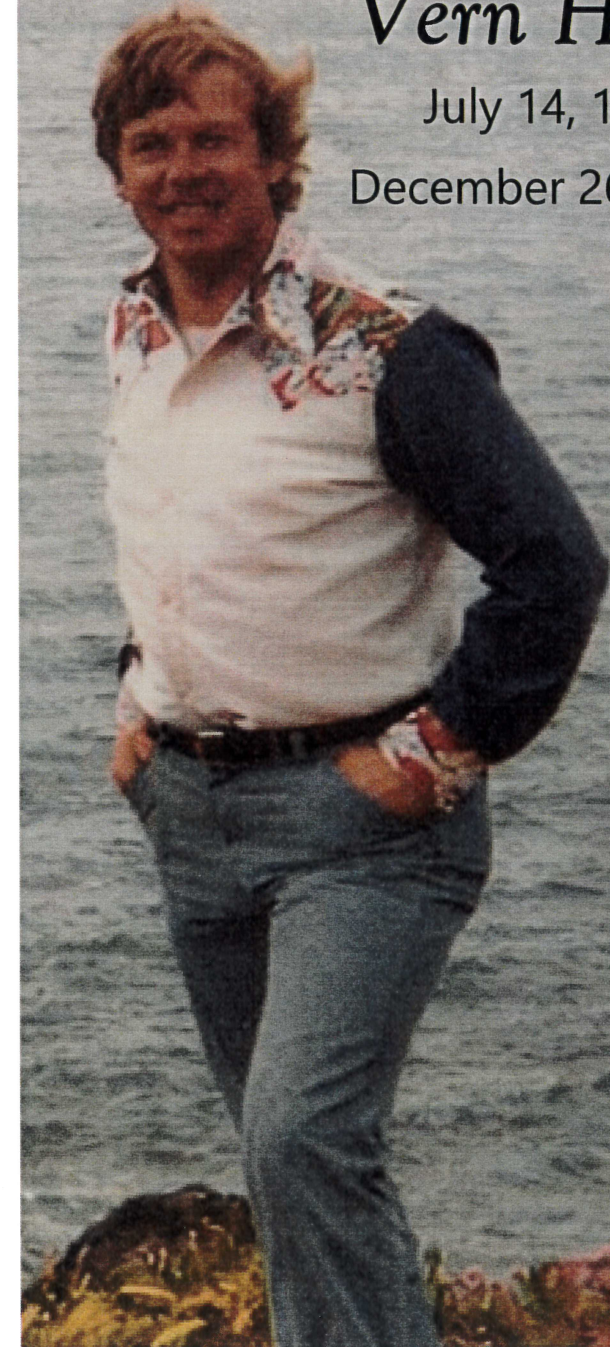
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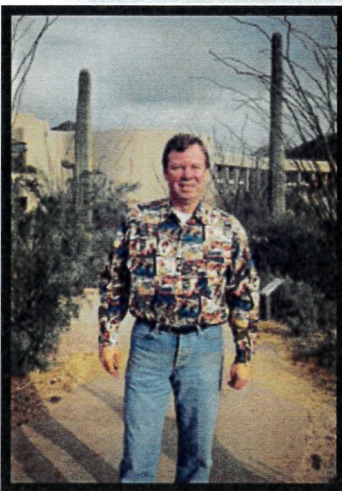
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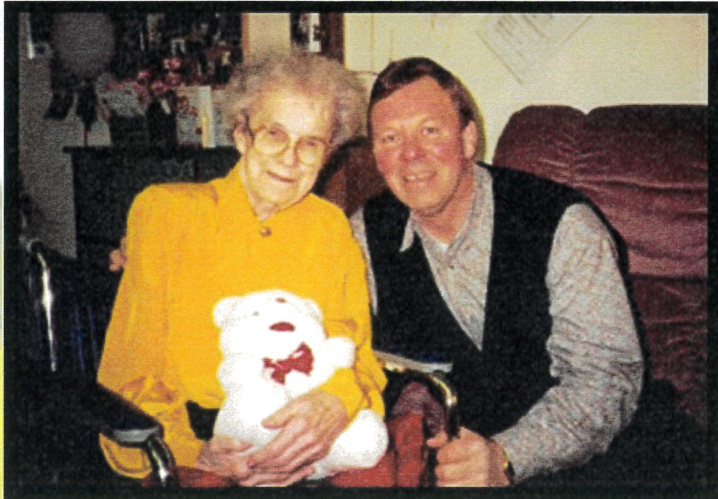




**Vernell (Vern) Leroy Holte**, 83, of Pacifica, CA, formerly of Tioga, ND, passed away on Friday, December 26, 2025, at Mills Peninsula Medical Center in Burlingame, CA. His final days were spent with family and friends by his side.

Vernell was born to Ole and Eleanor (Herfindahl) Holte, on July 14, 1942 in Stanley, ND. He was Baptized and Confirmed in the Lutheran Faith. He attended school at the Westbank Township/Holte School, south of the Holte Farm, and at the Tioga High School in Tioga, ND. He graduated with the class of 1960 and stayed in touch, returning home for many class reunions. After graduating High School, Vern moved to California with his cousin Leon Rye, to attend College. He was with the California National Guard for six years, while playing College Basketball and taking classes at El Camino College and San Jose State. He received his BA degree from San Jose, and proudly attended his Graduation in 1965 with his family, who came from North Dakota for the special event.

Upon graduating from San Jose, Vern began working as the Community School Director for Sunnyvale, he later moved to Ventura where he found his "niche" working as the Director of Parks and Recreation, and where he met and married Maureen in 1981. The family moved to Provo, UT, where Vern served as Provo's Director of Parks and Recreation, and where he received a Masters Degree from BYU. In 1988, after his marriage to Maureen ended, Vern moved to Pacific, CA, accepting the position of Director of Parks and Recreation with the city of Belmont. He put his heart and soul into their community for 17 years. He was loved, and known for his dedication, and was honored with numerous tributes for his positive impact on communities. In Belmont, Vern was a proud recipient of the prestigious Toastmasters Club Achievement Award. He also received an award for working with the senior citizens of Belmont, and planning the Belmont Art & Wine Festival at Twin pines Park every year. In a tribute from the community of Sunnyvale, they said "Vern was "their city's most enthusiastic, positive individual, who earned



the respect of those who met him", and described him as "a bridge between generations and races, and between schools and communities". After his retirement in 2005, Vern continued attending Stanford Cardinal women's basketball games and music concerts and made trips to North Dakota.



Vern is survived by brother, Daryle Holte; sister, Linda Faye Holte (Gary) Raan; nieces, Connie Holte Sass, Debbie Holte Williams; niece-in-law, Kim Holte; nephews, Chad (Jennifer) Raan, Jareb (Beth) Raan, Nate (Randi) Raan; great nieces and nephews, Alesha, Brandon (Brianna), Kesenja, Nichole, Alison (Gary), Garret, Ethan, Hailey, Daxton, Alexa, Farrah, Elliot, Payton, Jaren, Jurni (Jaden), Jaylie, Joscelyn (Kirby), Jessica (Parker); great-great nieces, nephews, and cousins

Vern is preceded in death by parents, Ole and Eleanor (Herfindahl) Holte; brother, Duane Holte; sister-in-law, Opal Holte; nephew, Jeff Holte; grandparents, Ole S. & Bergit Holte, Olaus & Dora Herfindahl. Special family and friends; Leon Rye, Bill Sass, Mike Koch, Ron Ouren, Ron and Janet Mello.

A Celebration Of Life Service will be held on Sunday, May 10th, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Nesets 6844 Hwy 40 Tioga, ND 58852.

A special Memorial Service for Vern will be held on March 29, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Crippen & Flynn Carlmont Chapel, 1111 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, CA 94002. There will be a luncheon.

A special thank you to Nelson, Katharine, and Nancy for your friendship, help, and support for Vern and his family, during Vern's final days in California.