



Vern Edgar Hurt

September 14, 1939 - February 19, 2013

Vern Edgar Hurt was born September 14, 1939 in Trenton, Missouri to John and Bernadene (Marrs) Hurt. His mother died when he was young, and Vern was raised by his aunt and uncle, Frances and Noel Hughes. Vern grew up in Trenton where he graduated from Trenton High School in 1958. Following high school, Vern attended Trenton Junior College and the University of Missouri. As a young boy, Vern was active in sports, and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Vern married Linda Hoffman on February 16, 1964 at Hodge Presbyterian Church in Trenton, Missouri, and to this union, three children were born: Anthony, Allison, and Adam. The family lived in a variety of locations from California, to Montana, and New England, before settling in Omaha.

Vern served for over two years in the United States Coast Guard before starting his career with the National Park Service. He then worked 40 years with the National Parks Service serving as a National Park Service Ranger and later as Safety Manager. He began his career in 1966, and served in Badlands National Park, Lassen Volcanic National Park, Point Reyes National Seashore, Yellowstone National Park, and Cape Cod National Park. As Safety Manager, Vern oversaw National Parks throughout the Midwest. He retired from the Park Service in 2006.

Vern was a member of Peace Presbyterian Church in Elkhorn, and stayed active by skiing, scuba diving, golfing, hunting and fishing, and also enjoyed gardening and collecting coins. His work with the Parks Service was especially important to him, but he was most proud of his family, and his two granddaughters. He had a great sense of humor, and strong character and convictions. He will be remembered as a loyal, protective, faithful, loving, and funny man.

Vern passed away on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 73 years, 5 months, and 5 days. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Bernadene, and his aunt and uncle Frances and Noel Hughes. He is survived by his wife Linda of Elkhorn, sons Adam of Taos, NM, and Anthony of Newtown, MO, daughter Allison of Omaha, granddaughters: Haley and Erin, brother Gary (Linda) Hurt, and sister Joyce (Art) Miller.

Vern E. Hurt, age 73, of Elkhorn, NE died 2/19/13 at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE. Vern was born September 14, 1939 in Trenton, MO to John and Bernadene (Marrs) Hurt, and was raised by Frances and Noel Hughes after his mother's death. Vern is preceded in death by his parents and the Hughes'. He is survived by his wife Linda of Elkhorn, NE, sons Adam of Taos, NM, and Anthony of Newtown, MO, daughter Allison of Omaha, granddaughters: Haley and Erin, brother Gary (Linda) Hurt, and sister Joyce (Art) Miller.

A memorial service will be held 1:30 PM Saturday (2/23/13) at Peace Presbyterian Church, Elkhorn, NE, Rev. Dwight Williams, officiating. No visitation will be held. Private interment. Memorials to Peace Presbyterian Church or the National Parks Service Employee & Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ Vern Edgar Hurt

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ What wonderful memories we have of the years we lived as neighbors on Cape Cod. We were so very sorry when we heard of his passing and know that he will be missed by all those who knew and loved him. We were glad to hear that Adam and Kevin were in contact while Adam was in Hawaii. Kevin is now Chief Ranger at Yosemite, but they haven't been in contact since then. We wish your family the best and know you have only good memories of a wonderful man.

Jim and Vonda Killian - February 12, 2014 at 09:26 AM



“ Please accept my sincere condolence. May you find comfort thru the Word of God."Jehovah is near to those that are broken at heart, and those who are crushed inn spirit he save."-PS.34:18

Primrose Johnson - March 12, 2013 at 03:23 PM



“ Linda we are so sorry to hear about Vern, we are down here in Tx for the winter, Bonny was over here talking and had found out, so sorry for your loss, love you !Guy & Peggy

Guy Carr - March 11, 2013 at 01:02 PM

PJ

“ Dear Family, I am sorry about the loss of your love one. The Bible promise that one day the dear will be restored to life by means of a resurrection(5:28,29,).I hope this promise bring the family a measure of hope.

Primrose Johnson - February 23, 2013 at 02:50 PM

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Primrose Johnson - February 23, 2013 at 12:59 PM

GE

“ Vern was great to work with dealing with Hisotric Weapons Safety issues. He was a powerful leader who always keep his focus on the goal and always got results. Vern will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure to work with him!

George Elmore - February 22, 2013 at 05:39 PM

JK

“ Dear Linda and Family, We were so sorry to learn of Vern's passing. Our memories go way back to Cape Cod N.S. and the great times we had as neighbors and friends. We hope you and the kids(?-- Kevin is now 50) are all well and will soon be enjoying life again with wonderful memories of Vern. With love and prayers. Vonda

Jim and Vonda Killian - February 22, 2013 at 01:25 PM

JK

“ Dear Linda and Family,
We were so sorry to learn of Vern's passing. Our memories go way back to Cape Cod N.S. and the great times we had as neighbors and friends. We hope you and the kids (?--Kevin is now 50) are all well and will soon be enjoying life again with wonderful memories of Vern.
With much love and prayers.

Jim and Vonda Killian - February 22, 2013 at 12:44 PM

JR

“ Howdy Linda and Family, Dot and I send prayers that our Brother Vern is at peace with the Lord. We all know the Lord does not make any mistakes and we believe He needed our Brother for his Army. Vern lived a full life and we are blessed to ave known him. I know he will be missed. However, he is now one more Angel to watch over those he loved so much. Go Well My Friend, it was a great time working with, laughing with, and solving some big problems with you. A piece of our hearts left and we will continue to pray that we all will live as much a good life as you. Linda, Dot and I will remember the great times we had with Vern, you and your family, and this will get us all through these times. Stay in Gods good graces.

JT Reynolds - February 22, 2013 at 12:01 AM

TB

“ *Dear Linda and family,
I was shocked and saddened by the news of Vern's passing which I learned of earlier today. I have memories of a dedicated, caring, and passionate Ranger who I learned much from and whose integrity and work ethic set the standard for others to emulate. I can't believe he was 73 as he seemed much younger to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all the family.*

Love,

Tony Bonanno

Tony Bonanno - February 21, 2013 at 10:50 PM

DM

“ Linda,

*Jeri and I are so saddened by the news of Vern's death. He was a wonderful guy, and we so enjoyed visiting we him a few years ago at your home after both he and Dave retired (when we were still making trips back and forth between Illinois and Montana to see Dave's folks). Vern was one of those Rangers with a capital "R." Because both Jeri and Dave were career employees, they both met and knew Vern separately, Jeri first, in her career in Yosemite and Cape Cod. Dave remembers first only hearing about "Vern Hurt" as one of "those rangers" for whom others had respect. Once Dave met him, that respect grew. And, for Vern's kids - know that your Dad was a "Ranger's Ranger" - one of those few that others admired and who was known to always put both parks and people first. I think that's why he went into safety, because he was of the generation that not only knew "someone" had to step up, but that he could apply his knowledge and skill base in a way that would help others; and keep them safe. In that, as a safety manager, he was foremost his brother's keeper. We are thinking of you this weekend and our thoughts are prayers are with you, and Vern. With sympathy,
Dave and Jeri Mihalic*

Dave and Jeri Mihalic - February 21, 2013 at 09:37 PM

ML

“ I wanted to tell you that I had the opportunity to work with Vern near the end of both of our careers. I was in charge of Safety for the Pacific West Region from 1997-2005 and attended various meetings with Vern. I was not a close friend but he was a person who made anyone feel like he was their friend. As a fellow employe, his dedication was inspirational and he brought a light touch and some good laughs to sometimes boring meetings. His experience and knowledge were a contribution to any problem and any conference or gathering that required problem solving. He was kind and taught me a lot. I am very sorry for your loss and want you to know he touched so many lives you probably never even knew about. I'm glad I had a chance to work with him. Marti Leicester

Marti Leicester - February 21, 2013 at 08:35 PM

TC

“ If there is a life after passing then Vern is currently sitting in a warm tub of water soaking his tired body after the difficult journey while eating a big bowl of quality ice cream with a special homemade sauce. I never worked for a more genuine, honest, and open individual. We frequently disagreed, but each could argue his point while we listened with mutual respect. He cared about his people, the park, and the Park Service and he LOVED his family. I have lost a friend, a mentor, someone that believed in me. Someone that cared! Peace be with all of us and with Vern.

Tom Cherry - February 21, 2013 at 11:28 AM

PJ

“ Dear Family, I am sorry about the loss of your love one. The Bible promise that one day the dead will be restored to life by means of a resurrection(John 5:28,29).I hope this promise bring the family a measure of hope.

Primrose Johnson - February 20, 2013 at 05:15 PM

SP

“ *Dear Linda and Family, We are so very sorry to hear of Vern's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Steve & nona

Steve & Anona Pflanz - February 20, 2013 at 02:01 PM