



Hartley Oliver Holte

August 19, 1933 - March 4, 2017

Hartley O. Holte of Leesburg, Florida died on March 4, 2017 at home in Leesburg, Florida. He was the son of Hartley M. and Mabel K. Holte (nee LaDoucre) of Minnesota and Iowa.

Mr. Holte was born in Iowa City, Iowa in 1933. He attended elementary schools in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and graduated from high school in Seattle, WA., where he was on the Honor Roll, was an undefeated member of his city championship tennis team, and played cello in the orchestra. He entered the Naval Academy with the class of 1955 under a Congressional appointment and played both plebe and varsity tennis. He married the former Sally Ann Carpenter on graduation day, June 3rd. He spent 7 years on active duty as a line officer, including 5 years' sea duty out of Long Beach, CA in Mansfield (DD728) and Navasota (AO106) with final assignments in both ships as Operations Officer. Pacific operations included the atomic test series at Eniwetok/ Bikini, and the Chinese conflict at Quemoy and Matsu Is. Following 2 years as a Technical Liaison Officer with the Defense Atomic Support Agency in Albuquerque, NM, he resigned his commission and worked for 5 years at Westinghouse on Air Force Dew Line Radar Systems and Navy undersea vehicle and weapons systems R&D. He completed a Master's Degree program in Management at George Washington U. in 1967 and began a 24 year career with Vitro Corp.. Assignments included; Polaris program, Mallard Army Tactical Communications, USEPA, DOE's National Solar Data System, and Program Management at field offices in Dahlgren, VA and Crane,

IN.

Following his first retirement, he became a volunteer and consultant in environmental sciences at state and local levels in Indiana, for which he was presented the Governor's Award for individual achievement. Throughout his life, he was an active coach and player in tennis, basketball, softball, and golf. He was active in local politics, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Red Cross, Civic Associations, Chambers of Commerce, and Navy League. He was a life member of the USNA Alumni Assc., the Navy League, and the Naval Institute. He was an avid stamp collector, amateur guitarist, served as a part time writer for a local IN newspaper, and, with his wife, provided interim foster care home services, for which they were honored by the Maryland State Legislature. He had been active with his USNA Class of 1955 as class secretary and as editor of his class "50 Years Later" History book.

He leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Sally daughters, Katherine Ann Spitznogle of Davis, West Virginia, Susan Marie Holte of Stafford, Virginia, sons, Christopher Hartley Holte of Brunswick, Maryland, Carl Truman Holte (USNA 1985) of Sprague, Connecticut, 10 grandchildren, four great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren and their families. He was predeceased by his beloved son Andrew Edward Holte of Bloomington, Indiana.

Hartley will be forever remembered for his offbeat sense of "Holte" humor and his gentle soul. His life's achievements are vast and could take up a book, but in his words; his greatest achievement was his children. Inurnment at the USNA Columbarium will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Holte sense of humour was and is priceless.* ”



Ben and Doris Hyde - March 19, 2017 at 09:15 PM

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“ *We'll miss you Dad. You were an inspiration to all of us.* ”



Chris Holte - March 16, 2017 at 05:33 PM

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“ *I love you Dad. You were/are a rock. Without your love, encouragement, and humor, I would not have become as successful as I am. I will never forget the joy you expressed when I decided to adopt. You said you were relieved to know I was not going to end up a "cat lady"! LOL You ended up being a wonderful grandfather to my daughters and very supportive to me in my quest as a single parent.* ”



Susan Holte - March 16, 2017 at 11:06 AM

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“ Sally and family, Hartley was a wonderful person with a great sense of humor. He always had a joke or funny story to share whenever he came by my cubicle at HTR. I will miss the impish twinkle in his eyes and merriment in his voice.

Jodie - March 11, 2017 at 06:03 PM

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“ loved to listen to his stories he was such a lovable person kind and gentle I don't think I ever heard him say a mean thing about anyone he will be missed prayers and love to his family

sandy gravelle - March 09, 2017 at 09:02 AM