



Bruce Edward Holdt

September 21, 2018

Obituary for Bruce Edward Holdt

June 12, 1943 – September 21, 2018

With great sadness, the family of Bruce Edward Holdt announce his unexpected death on Friday, September 21, 2018.

Bruce Edward Holdt, the son of Lorraine and Bertram Holdt, was born in Fergus Falls, Minnesota on June 12, 1943. Bruce grew up in Clitherall and Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Bruce graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1961.

Commander Holdt was a retired naval officer having served in the U.S. Navy from 1962 until his retirement in October, 1990. He spent six years as an enlisted sailor, four of them attending the University of Washington. He graduated in 1968 and was commissioned as a regular in the U.S. Navy. He served as the anti-submarine officer on the USS Taussig. After attending destroyer school he served as operations officer on the USS Reasoner in 1971 and then as combat cargo officer on the USS Tuscaloosa from 1972 to 1974. After attending Naval Postgraduate School, earning an MS, he served as the commanding officer of the USS Grand Rapids, a Guided Missile Patrol Gunboat, home ported in Naples, Italy. He has since written a book, "USS Grand Rapids (PG-98)," detailing adventures encountered during this tour of duty in 1976 in the Mediterranean Sea and surrounding countries.

After two years in Washington, D.C., Holdt commanded the Implicit based in Tacoma, Washington. He attended NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy and

was then assigned to the NATO Supreme Headquarters in Mons, Belgium. He returned to the United States and served as operations officer on the USS Nassau. In 1987 after completing studies of the Portuguese language and attaché training, Commander Holdt was assigned as the military attaché to Brazil in Rio de Janeiro. This tour of duty provided Holdt with material for another book "Brazil" which describes espionage activities and dangerous missions in this beautiful country that he came to love.

Commander Holdt returned to Washington, D.C. and served in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations until his retirement. After his retirement he worked as an IT consultant for several firms, returning to Brazil for three years before retiring to his home state of Minnesota. He published another book "Murder in San Francisco" in 2013.

In 2018, Holdt exchanged the cold winters of Minnesota for life in coastal Alabama. He was an Ambassador for the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber and a member of the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church. He said he loved the warm climate and the warm Southern hospitality. Bruce Holdt loved life and people as well. He was generous with his smiles, his time and his efforts, always putting others first. In the short time that he spent in lower Alabama, he gave much of himself to the community, and we are grateful for the time he shared with us.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents Bertram and Lorraine Holdt and his first wife Karen Ann Wallin Holdt. He is survived by wife Jane Turk Tyler Holdt; brother Verne Holdt (Sharon); daughters Marnie Esther Franze (Darrell) of Battle Lake, MN, Melissa Joann Rowe (Lars) also of Battle Lake, MN, and Jennie Farmer Brown Smallwood; a son Theodore Charles Holdt (Sara Mapelli) of Washougal, Washington; grandchildren Erika Franze, Ethan Franze, Jacob Rowe, Nathan Rowe, Mason Brown and Georgia Brown; and niece Danielle Holdt and nephew Dustin Holdt (Traci).

A memorial service with full military honors will be held Wednesday, September 26 at 11 AM at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church. A memorial service and burial will be held in Battle Lake, Minnesota, time and date to be

announced. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Gulf Shores United Methodist Church, the Foley Public Library or the Trefoldighed Lutheran Church, Battle Lake, Minnesota.

Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Alabama

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Gulf Shores United Methodist Church
1900 Gulf Shores Parkway
Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Dear Jane
Hope and peace. You are in my prayers*



Kathleen Baskin - September 26, 2018 at 11:18 AM

CF

“ *Claude, John, Adam Rector and Families
purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for
the family of Bruce Edward Holdt.*



Claude, John, Adam Rector and Families - September 25,
2018 at 07:04 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the
family of Bruce Edward Holdt.*



September 25, 2018 at 06:42 PM

CR

“ Jane;
I am so sorry to learn of Bruce`s death... I can not imagine the pain and sorrow you are experiencing. I know you and Bruce were so excited to have found each other, loved each other and had great plans for a life together. My thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days to come....God Bless...
C.R.Rector

C.R. Rector - September 25, 2018 at 06:41 PM

DM

“ Jane,
It was a pleasure having you and Bruce in our classes. Of course I enjoyed talking “Old Military” stories. Thanks for his blessing to your life and mine. Blessings and peace,
Chaplain Dave

David McLean - September 25, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Edward Holdt.*



September 24, 2018 at 09:23 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bruce Edward Holdt.* ”



September 23, 2018 at 08:02 PM