

Marvin Holtman Jr

February 19, 2026

A Legacy of Faith and Family

A life devoted to faith, family, and music, Marvin Holtman leaves behind a legacy that will live on through the many generations who were blessed to know and love him.

Marvin W. Holtman, Jr., age 95, passed away peacefully on February 19, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Marvin lived a long and meaningful life centered around faith, family, music, and the simple joys that brought people together. A devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather, he found his greatest happiness in watching his family grow through the generations. His steady presence, gentle wisdom, and unwavering love created a legacy that will continue to live on in the lives of those who knew and loved him.

Music was one of Marvin's greatest passions. He especially loved playing the saxophone, sharing his gift and love of music with family and friends over the years. When not playing music, you could find him on the golf course or reading from his library of books; his favorites being biographies, spiritual books and history. In his later years, he enjoyed working puzzles, and recently discovered a new creative joy in painting. Marvin cherished his winters in Orange Beach, Alabama, where he enjoyed the sunshine, treasured

friendships, and special moments spent with his family.

Marvin's greatest legacy is the large and loving family he leaves behind. He is survived by his children:

Bill Holtman (Robin) of Eaton, OH
Judy Robinson (Don) of Union, KY
Terri Frietch (Tom) of Madeira, OH
Patty Donovan (Joe) of Brandon, MS
Mary Kintz (Bob) of Sugar Grove, IL
Chris Holtman (Kerry) of Dry Ridge, KY

He also leaves behind 23 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren, along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who were blessed to know him.

Marvin was preceded in death by his loving wife, Jean, his beloved son, John and his five siblings.

Though he will be deeply missed, his family finds comfort in knowing that his earthly journey has led him home to heaven. The love, faith, and values he shared will continue to live on through the many generations who were blessed to call him Dad, Grandpa, and Great-Grandpa.

His music, his laughter, and his love for family will echo in our hearts forever.

"I thank God upon every remembrance of you."

Philippians 1:3

A funeral mass of Christian burial will be held on
Saturday, April 18th, 11:00 AM

St. Clare Catholic Church

1443 Cedar Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45224

In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to the following:

St. Clare for memorial masses (make checks payable to St. Clare)

or

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Cincinnati, OH

Link to make a tribute donation: svdpcincinnati.org

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Tribute Wall

LK

“ My first house I bought with the best neighbor ever!! We would share in chores bringing in garbage cans and trimming sidewalks . The best time was when he played his Zack and the block party we put on grilling burgers and hot dogs . Then I went to Alabama and stayed we took long walks on beach and watched the fishermen. We would go out every night and listen to music and have a wonderful dinner. He was the coolest talented kindest generous and holiest man I have ever met . He knew God he prayed and worshiped daily. Time spend with him was always enjoyed and his family were all great to be around as well. He was inspirational. He is greatly missed.

lisa kunz - April 14 at 10:28 PM

CB

“ Uncle Marvin was one of the kindest and most gentle human beings ever. He was always so sweet and made me feel special when I was with him. I loved seeing him with his really big family and seeing how much each one of them loved him. Hearing him play the saxophone was always a special treat. He will be deeply missed, but I know he's home now with our Lord and his beautiful wife and his son. Sending much love to his family. Cathy DeCarli Bognar ❤️
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Cathy Bognar - April 11 at 07:04 PM

TF

Thank you for the memory and your kindness, Cath! We all love you very much💕

Terri Frietch - April 16 at 08:56 AM

JM

“ John & Nan McCart purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marvin Holtman Jr.



John & Nan McCart - April 09 at 01:38 PM

NM

“ Uncle Marvin was an amazing man and an amazing human being. From the time I was a little girl (I was the oldest grandchild), he would put me on his lap and tell me funny stories. He called me Nancy Gucanheimer. As I grew older, he gave me books he thought I would like -- they were adventure books and not those stupid Nancy Drew books. He was my Godfather. He was also very handsome -- even a child notices things like that. I am so happy that he is now reunited with my dear Aunt Jean and their son Johnny. I heard an old song yesterday and it made me think of him. The Leader of the band. I was driving and started crying. But death is not a bad thing. We all need to remember that nothing is better than being with God. Love sent to my precious cousins.

Nan McCart - April 09 at 12:57 PM

TF

Oh what a sweet memory Nan! I feel like Dad is “leading a band” somewhere up there; that would be his thing. Thank you so much for sharing. Love you ❤️

Terri Frietch - April 16 at 09:01 AM

NK

“ Nanci K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marvin Holtman Jr.

Nanci K. - March 10 at 02:31 PM

MK

“ To the entire multi generational Holtman family we wish you peace, warm memories and the joy of having such a sweet, kind, loving Dad. What a gift he was and is!
Mike and Melinda Kintz

Mike & Melinda Kintz - March 09 at 10:52 PM

SO

I love you grandpa ! From Shaun , Austin , Ayriana, Addisyne, Ayden, Alexis, Lilly and Liam.. the O'Mara family .. your great grandkids and the best Grandfather in law in the world , that we simply called Grandpa Holtman. May You Rest In Peace and we will see you again one day ! You will be missed Marvelous Marv ! 🙏🕊️❤️🎷

shaun omara - May 29 at 10:39 PM

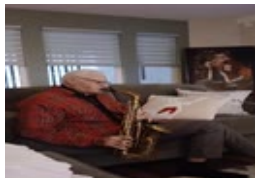
MB

“ Marvin will forever be a big part of my musical past. I was fortunate to share many years playing in the group called Sauce. Bill, Marvin, Bob Fain, Tom McNary, myself, and a few others that came and went. Marvin was 20 plus years my senior but was like a friend you had forever. Kind, funny, soft spoken but when his mouth touched that reed, the lion roared with pure musical talent. I wish the whole Holtman family a quick recovery from the hole in your hearts.
Peace to all, Mark Bauer

Mark Bauer - March 09 at 03:00 PM

JR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Judy Robinson - March 09 at 10:52 AM

DF

“ *Holtman family...We had the honor to meet this kind loving man while he was visiting Mary and Bob in illinois ❤️ what a nice .warm human being . We shared a meal and gentle conversation. RIP Marvin and prayers to mend the hearts of those left behind . Their memories of you will carry them through life. GOD bless you on your journey to Our Heavenly Home as there are many awaiting your arrival. RIP sweet man. With love .Randy and Diana Fichtel*

Diana Randy Fichtel - March 09 at 09:25 AM

SK

Thank you Uncle Marvin for your always caring interest and listening ear, and encouragement you predictably offered to your family. We loved our times visiting you and Aunt Jean in Gulf Shores and hearing you play at your seasonal 'gigs.' Mother would often tell stories about how in high school she protected you from 'all the girls' whether you wanted to be or not! Randy and I so gratefully appreciate that you had such strong Christian values which directed all you did and gave your family such a strong foundation. We will always remember you with warmest thoughts and a smile until we meet again. Much love, Susan and Randy Kleine

Susan Kleine - March 10 at 12:48 AM