



Vern Gunderson

October 3, 1952 - March 3, 2022

Our beloved Vern sadly and unexpectedly passed away on March 3, 2022. He was a loving husband, devoted father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother who will be dearly missed by all. He is survived by his loving wife, Christina Gunderson, daughters Lucelle Gunderson-Irven and Annalissa G Massey, step daughters Andrea Howell and Sara Balderas, several grandchildren, an adorable great grandson and sisters Cecilia Edgerton and Madeline Young. Vern was born in Alliance, Nebraska on October 3, 1952 and raised by his father whom he adored. He enlisted in the Navy at the age of 18, proudly served his country and traveled the world as an aircraft technician. He was a veteran of the Vietnam & Iraq wars. After serving honorably for 21 years, he earned his state license for barbering. A true country boy at heart, he settled in the beautiful hills of Campo, California. Always a fervent patriot and living embodiment of strength and respect, you could find him tinkering on one of his many projects at home or watching a classic Western with Tina, the love of his life. He was a humble and mild mannered man of few words, a gentle soul whose love knew no boundaries. A friendly face to all, his kindness & generosity not only extended to anyone in need, but to countless cats looking for a meal. He is also survived by his sweet cat Groucho, who is now Tina's constant companion. Although we are heartbroken from his loss, we find comfort in knowing that he is resting in peace with the Lord and reunited with his loved ones who have passed before him, especially his father Cecil and sister Helen. We will always carry you in our hearts, through the memories we share, until we meet again in heaven.

Comments



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Vern Gunderson.



April 12 at 09:06 PM



“ To the love of my life,

I can't believe I waited so long to find someone like you, just to have you taken away so suddenly. My heart aches for you and I miss the warmth of your touch. You were my rock and I am finding it so hard to accept my new circumstances and life without you. In such a short time together we had some great times enjoying our retirement. You were always so good to me and my family and I miss you so very much. You were accepted with open arms and we are all devastated by your loss. The grandkids miss their grandpa Vern and mom always called you her little boy even though you towered over her. Every time she bakes sugar cookies we will always think of you. You always had such a sweet tooth. Groucho feels your loss just as much as I do. I will always take good care of our little four legged girl. We comfort each other, she's so sweet. It's so hard to go on without you but I have my family to lean on for support, including your sisters who I will always keep in touch with. I will always love you & you are always with me. I rejoice you are in heaven with our almighty Father and we will be reunited again one day.

Love Tina

Andrea Howell - March 25 at 10:01 PM



“ You are so Blessed to have had him, definitely a true LOVE , words can't express how much I miss him and anything good about me is thanks to my dad

Annalissa Massey - May 04 at 12:32 AM



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Sara Balderas - March 23 at 12:08 PM



“ Papa Vern,
We are so heart broken over this sudden and unexpected loss. I had finally talked you and mom into moving with us. I was looking forward to taking care of you both and hearing about all the vacations you two were going to take. The plans we had made will continue on, but there will be an obvious void. I'm so grateful for the special memories and love you showed to me, but especially to my girls. I'm so glad that we got to spend Valentine's together at the welk resort. I will cherish those final moments we spent together as a family. I know, and can feel, that you are with us. I had so wished for more time with you. We love and miss you more than any word Can we begin to describe.
Love,
Sara, Carlos, Sophia, Gabriella and Raquel

Sara Balderas - March 23 at 10:52 AM



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Andrea Howell - March 22 at 07:52 PM



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Andrea Howell - March 22 at 07:25 PM



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Andrea Howell - March 22 at 07:20 PM



“ Papa Vern,

I can't believe it's been almost 3 weeks since we sadly & unexpectedly lost you. You were always such a kind and generous soul & it seems so unfair that we didn't have you much longer. I will miss your smile & the way the kids loved their grandpa Vern. Seeing the way you and mom truly loved each other was always an inspiration to me. She will never get over your loss but we are all here to help her through the grief. Rest peacefully knowing that we have also welcomed your beloved Groucho into our home who is now mom's constant companion. You were always so patriotic and proud to have served your country for 21 years in the Navy & always ready to give anyone who needed a haircut one! You were always happy tinkering on one of your many projects at home or watching a classic western with mom & one of your favorite sugar cookies that grandma used to make for you in hand. It was so special to be able to share our birthdays together and it won't be the same without you from now on. So glad I can always look back at our pictures! The kindness you extended to our family was immeasurable and there truly was no "step" in children in your vocabulary. We take comfort in knowing that you are resting in peace with the Lord and your loved ones who have passed before you, especially your loving father & sister Helen. Until we meet again in heaven!

Love,
Andie

Andrea Howell - March 22 at 05:48 PM