



## Richard H Holden

March 26, 1947 - November 22, 2021

Richard Harvey Holden, age 74, of Washington, Iowa, formerly of Santa Barbara, California, died Monday, November 22, 2021, in Washington, Iowa.

Memorials have been established for the education fund of Richard's son, Jed. No services are scheduled at this time. Online condolences may be sent for Richard's family by emailing [imlholden@gmail.com](mailto:imlholden@gmail.com)

Richard was born March 26, 1947, in Washington, Iowa, the son of Harvey Benjamin and Ruth Lourene (Wead) Holden. He graduated from Washington High School in 1965 and later received his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Iowa State University.

Richard moved to California and started a House Call Veterinary Practice in Santa Barbara in 1978. In 1982, he opened the Neighborhood Pet Clinic which he owned and operated until his retirement in 2006. He lived in Germany for six years and returned to Washington, Iowa, in 2015. Richard was the innovator of outdoor vaccination clinics for cats and dogs. He was brilliant with computer technology and created innovative software used in veterinary medicine. Richard was creative and talented in photography, poetry and stained glass.

He is survived by three sons: Leif Holden and Luke Holden of Santa Barbara, California; Jed Holden of Washington, Iowa; Joanne Holden, mother of Leif and Luke; father, Harvey Holden of Washington, Iowa; four sisters: Barbara Leeper of Mesa, Arizona; Lorene Sundquist of Mesa, Arizona; Laura Davison and husband Rollin of Coppock, Iowa; Pat DeSotel of Washington, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 2003.

# Comments

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“ He was such a great guy please let me know when his service is

**Chris Riddle** - November 28, 2021 at 05:18 PM

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“ I know I speak for myself and others in the WHS Class of 1965 when I say we offer our deepest sympathies to Dick's family. I know we all fondly remember Dick as our class president, walking down the halls of WHS with those long legs of his and chatting and laughing with us, his classmates.

**Marde McConnell** - November 25, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ Thank you very much, Marde. Great story and visual of him too.

**Luke** - December 11, 2021 at 10:02 AM

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“ Great high school memories with Richard on the Holden farm, studying together and constructing projects. Ecc 3:1 & 2 - For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted. Rev. Denny Coon



**Dennis Coon** - November 24, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ Thank you for sharing your memories, Dennis. It's good to know he will be remembered by his community. Beautiful scripture selection as well. Thank you.

**Luke** - December 11, 2021 at 10:05 AM

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“ Class of 1965,RIP



Sierra (Ziegłowsky ) Applegate - November 23, 2021 at 07:35 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers for family. I was in class of 1965. Richard was in my class starting in kindergarten and finished high school. Sorry for your loss.



Sierra (Ziegłowsky ) Applegate - November 23, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ Thank you, Sierra. You knew him almost the longest anyone could. Thank you for keeping him in your mind and heart all these years.

Luke - December 11, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ My thoughts, prayers, and sympathy are for all members of Dick's family. I too went to kindergarten with Dick and graduated with him in 1965. He was a neighbor, classmate, teammate, and a friend. Sympathy to all. You had such a wonderful son, brother, and father.

Willard Larsen

(Willie)

Willard Larsen - December 12, 2021 at 09:14 PM