

## John Gilbert Holt

January 13, 1941 - December 7, 2021

John Gilbert Holt, 80 of Hoxie passed away December 7, 2021, at the General Baptist Nursing Home in Campbell, MO.

Born January 13, 1941, in Manila to the late L.K. Holt and Grace (Isbell) Holt. He was united in marriage to Linda Gilliam on September 16, 1978. He served in the U.S. Navy and was stationed on the U.S.S. Wasp during the Bay of Pigs Conflict. He was employed and retired from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. He was a member of the Hoxie United Methodist Church and of the Aurora Masonic Lodge #423 in Walnut Ridge. John enjoyed collecting trains, coins and knives; he also was active outdoors, gardening and fishing. John also loved using his woodworking talents to make special gifts for friends and relatives.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one infant son, Mark Adam Holt; one brother, Tim Holt and a sister, Anita Wright.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Holt of the home; one son, Greg Holt of Memphis, TN; one daughter, Stephanie (Bob) Surmon of LaMirada, CA; three grandchildren, Hunter (Sara) Holt, John and Daniel Surmon; one great granddaughter, Nora Lee-Ann Holt; one brother, L.K. Holt Jr. of Snow Lake, AR; five sisters, Rosa Lee (Sam) Bollinger of Manila, Louise Roddy of Jonesboro, Nancy (Danny) Williams of Mableville, AR, Jane (Johnny) Gaither

of Cherokee Village, and Ann (Tony) Berry of Hardy; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be Friday, December 10, 2021, at 2 P.M. in the Hoxie United Methodist Church with Chaplain Larry Sellers officiating. Pallbearers will be Eddie Wright, Ted Holt, Jeff Barber, Mark Pyle, Jimmy Isbell, and Lonnie Smith. Honorary Pallbearers are Dr. R. Lee Archer, Dr. Nathan Turney, and all fellow employees of the BNSF Railroad. Interment will follow in the Lawrence Memorial Park with Military Honors rendered by the Navy Honor Guard and concluded with Masonic rites.

Visitation will be from 12 P.M. till 2 P.M. in the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials requested to be made to the UAMS Department of Neurology.

# Cemetery Details

## Lawrence Memorial Park

Colonial Dr.  
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hoxie United Methodist Church  
318 SW Broad  
Hoxie, AR 72433

## Funeral Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hoxie United Methodist Church  
318 SW Broad  
Hoxie, AR 72433

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Gilbert Holt*

January 29, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Uncle John was loved and respected by so many. He had a heart of gold, and was always down for a little fun. I'll always remember him with a smile.*

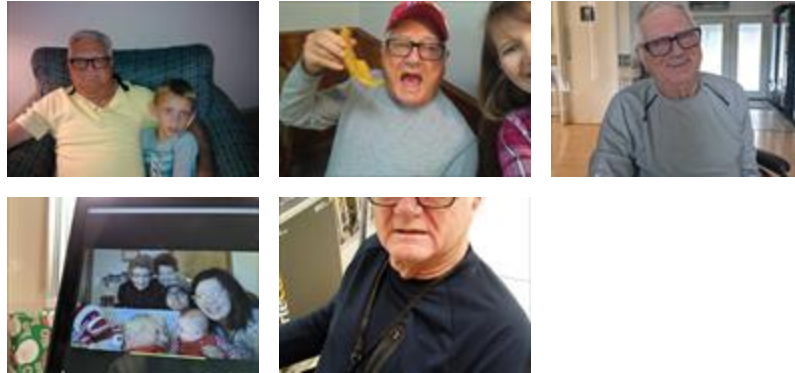
*Stephanie, you are the embodiment of your dad. He definitely left his mark on you. ❤️*



**Melissa Browning** - December 10, 2021 at 12:09 PM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



**Steph** - December 09, 2021 at 01:43 PM

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“ *First Baptist Church of Hardy purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of John Gilbert Holt.*



**First Baptist Church of Hardy** - December 09, 2021 at 11:08 AM

EP

“ *John was a legendary railroader and friend. As fine a railroader as he was he was an even better person. He saved my tail from certain disaster more times than I could count.....with good solid advice and wisdom.....but more importantly, Love.*

*Heaven has received a Warrior..... and I will miss you until we meet again my fine, fine, friend.*

**Eric Powell** - December 08, 2021 at 07:54 PM

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“ *Mr. Holt was a fine man and a good friend. I really enjoyed listening to him tell stories and always had good solid advice when asked. Everyone liked Mr. Holt. GOD BLESS the Holt family.*



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**Sid Phillips** - December 08, 2021 at 07:19 AM



*Sid, how do you know my dad?*

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**Stephanie Holt-Surmon** - March 18, 2022 at 07:10 PM

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**Molly Pyle** - December 07, 2021 at 07:53 PM