



Louis Holtorff

February 18, 1936 - July 21, 2020

Louis "Lou" John Ernest Holtorff left his home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. Lou was born on February 18, 1936, in Elmhurst, IL to Ernest Louis Holtorff and Lydia Wilhelmina Brockmann Holtorff. At age 4, when his mother died, Lou stayed with his Opa and Oma Holtorff and visiting their summer house in Mercer, WI, became a very special memory.

About age 6, Lou, his dad and new stepmother, Louise Bolt Holtorff, moved to a farm in Warsaw, IN. Louise and her family were a great blessing in Lou's life. In Lou's junior year in high school, the family moved to California, and he graduated from Torrance High School in 1954.

In 1955 Lou began his military service in the U.S. Army 6th Infantry Division, Fort Ord, CA. One highlight of Lou's service was his 2 years in Alaska. He was on the Commanding General's Rifle Team; also Lou extended his stay by 2 weeks in order to celebrate the new statehood of Alaska.

Eventually Lou returned to Chicago and on August 18, 1973, Lou married the love of his life, Carol Ann Thrailkill. In July 1975, Lou's precious daughter, Lydia, joined them. In 1984 they moved to El Reno, OK, Ann's hometown.

Lou, like his mother, Lydia, had a beautiful voice and sang many solos at church and family get-togethers. He liked to work in warehouse inventory control; Lou enjoyed gardening and working in his workshop.

Lou is survived by his wife, Ann, of the home, his daughter, Lydia and husband, Benny Pierce, Oklahoma City, his granddaughter, Rene Perkins, Oklahoma City, his sister-in-law, Waynetta Thrailkill, Bentonville, AR, a host of cousins, family and friends.

Burial was Friday, July 24th, in the El Reno Cemetery, and a memorial service was held at The Church of Jesus Christ, Restoration Branch, Oklahoma City, on Sunday, July 26th. Our deepest gratitude to family, church, friends, neighbors, the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Mercy Home Health Nurses in Mustang, Dr. Branson Kester and staff at the Mercy Hospital Swing-Bed Unit in Kingfisher, and Russell Murray Hospice in El Reno, for the prayers and love extended to us.

A time of viewing and visitation for Mr. Holtorff will be from 11am-1:30pm on Friday, July 24th at Wilson Funeral Home with a graveside service following at 2pm at El Reno Cemetery.

Cemetery

El Reno Cemetery

El Reno, OK,

Events

JUL **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:30PM

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Wilson Funeral Home

100 N. Barker, El Reno, OK, US, 73036

JUL **Graveside**02:00PM

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El Reno Cemetery

El Reno, OK, US

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“ I have wonderful memories of my cousin Louis on their farm in Warsaw, Indiana. My parents would take Brucetta and me to visit them off and on, and we'd stay for several days. These were days before Brucetta contacted polio, that I remember most.

Louis was 10 years older than i am and 6 years older than Brucetta, so he was like an older brother to us. We had so much fun milking, Mert, the cow. Aunt Louise would separate the cream from the milk and make butter. We would also help collect eggs from all the chickens for Aunt Louise. There were jumbos, large, medium and especially cute were the pee-wee eggs! It was special when the new baby chicks arrived and we could stay up late watching Aunt Louise inoculate them. We also got to ride on Uncle Ernie's tractor with Louis. And playing with the dogs and cats, and chasing the ducks was also so much fun. I loved the farm more than the city where I lived as a child. Louis was always there and a big part of those childhood days.

Because he was older. he had to look out for us. Once he took me on a bicycle ride with me sitting on the back seat above the back wheel with my legs hanging down on each side of the back wheel.. I was supposed to be careful to keep my feet out of the bicycle spokes, but I wasn't careful enough and my left foot got caught--big ouch! Louis felt terrible about that and Aunt Louise really scolded him, but i think it was really my fault as I talked him into the bike ride in the first place. He was banished to the hay loft of the barn for some time as a punishment I snuck up to comfort him, and I don't think Aunt Louise ever found out about that but I had to do something to console poor Louis because it really wasn't his fault.

Louis always stayed in contact with me and Brucetta as adults over the last many years. It was so good to chat on the phone, get to know dear, sweet Ann better and share memories. He was special to me and I'll always be happy for those days on the farm with him and Aunt Louise and Uncle Ernie. Doris Bucklew Lorden

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“ I sure miss my dear friend but we know for sure he is no longer in pain. He is in a much better place. Ann you have been in my prayers and will continue to be. Let me know if I can help in anyway. Love you so very much.

Peggine Gibson - July 24 at 11:28 PM