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Vern Edward Hedegaard, 1949 - 2011 Vern Edward Hedegaard passed away on December 23, 2011 in Salt Lake City, Utah after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Glendive, MT on October 4, 1949 to Marion T. "Red" and Lora Simard Hedegaard of Billings, MT. From the age six he traveled extensively overseas with his family and from grades 1-12, attended nine different schools, including Nepal and Korea. The family returned to Montana and Vern graduated from Billings West High School in 1967. He served in the U.S. Army from September 1967 through May 1971, and as a combat medic in Vietnam, he was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Medical Badge. After his military service, he served in the Peace Corps in Thailand. He settled in Salt Lake City, graduated from the University of Utah in 1977 in Nursing, and earned his Master's Degree in 1982. He started working at Salt Lake Regional (then Holy Cross) in 1978 as a Registered Nurse until his retirement in 2010. Over those 32 years, he primarily worked in the Emergency Department, but assisted wherever he was needed. He was a strong, calm, and compassionate nurse, loyal to his coworkers and caring to his patients. Vern married Robyn German Hunt in December, 1974. They had one child, Jennifer Ann Hedegaard, and adopted Robyn's son, Tod Galpin (Hedegaard). Vern and Robyn later divorced. In 1989 Vern married Deborah Cummings, his loving and loyal wife. Together they owned and managed several rental properties in Salt Lake City and enjoyed helping raise Vern's grandson, Tristan Dahle Hedegaard. Vern is survived by his wife, Deborah Cummings Hedegaard of Salt Lake City, Utah, son Tod Galpin (Hedegaard) of Tooele, UT, daughter Jennifer Hedegaard of Sandy, Utah, mother Lora S. Hedegaard of Billings, Montana, sisters Susan Gainey of Fairbanks, Alaska and Jean Ballantine of Los Angeles, California, and two grandsons, Tristan Dahle Hedegaard, and Thomas Mitchell Galpin (Hedegaard). He is preceded in death by his father, Marion T. "Red" Hedegaard. A memorial service will be held in his honor on January 12, 2012 from



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1:30 pm – 2:30 pm at the Salt Lake Regional Medical Center Historic Chapel at 1050 E South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice in Vern's name. Online condolences can be made at www.premierfuneral.com.



Tribute Wall

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KM

Kathy Mansfield posted:

Deb and family, so sorry to hear of the loss of Vern, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sorrowful time. Kathy

January 2 at 6:06 AM

MF

Marilyn Frandsen posted:

I wish that we had kept in contact. So many cousins I don't really know. My brother Jerry keeps me informed through Lora in Billings. Sorry about your loss.

December 31 at 2:51 PM

LM

Linda (Dore) Maetzold posted:

Laura, Susan, Jeanne and all of Vern's family, I send condolences. I remember Vern visiting our family farm and riding horses when you all came back between overseas assignments. My prayers are with you.

December 30 at 7:58 AM

ES

Erica Salti posted:

My condolences to you and your family, Jen. I know how much your dad meant to you and cannot imagine the loss you're feeling. Know that your dad will always be with you. Much love, Erica

December 28 at 9:32 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Vern by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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