

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

Neal Stewart Holland of Harwood, ND was born October 26, 1929 in Bracken, Saskatchewan, Canada. Friday, June 14, 2019, he passed away at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND.

Neal was the second of five sons of Ludvig and Norah (Enger) Holland. He moved with his family to the Halstad, MN area when he just three years old. He attended Serum Rural Country Grade School for 7 years, until it was combined with the Halstad School. Neal graduated from Halstad Public High School in 1947. He enrolled in college in 1947 at North Dakota Agricultural College (NDAC) which later became North Dakota State University (NDSU), Fargo, ND. He graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Neal taught school one year (1951-52) in Kennedy, MN prior to being drafted into the United States Army, where he served from 1952-1954. Neal was trained near Washington, D.C. at Camp Belvoir. During the Korean Conflict, Neal was stationed in Panama. After Neal separated from the Army in 1954, he returned to Fargo where he went on to teach horticulture at NDSU for 32 years, gaining the title of professor and later emeritus. While a professor at NDSU, Neal spent time with plant breeding, developing the following plants: Mantador Broccoli, several types of squash including Gold Nugget (All America Winner), Emerald and Discus, several tomato types including Sheyenne, Lark, Dakota Gold, and Cannonball, and the Hazen apple. Following retirement from NDSU, Neal developed the fairy tale series of Lilacs which include Tinkerbelle, Sugar Plum Fairy, Thumbelina, Fairy Dust and Prince Charming. Since his retirement from NDSU (professor emeritus), Neal opened Sheyenne Gardens in 1988 on his home farm in Harwood, ND

Neal has received numerous awards and recognition for his horticulture work in the Midwest. He received a distinguished service award in 2006 from the North Dakota Nursery Greenhouse Landscape Association (NDNGLA). He spoke at many community and Saturday education lectures on plants and their care. Sharing his experiences and knowledge through educating and humor was something he loved to do.

Neal is survived by his brothers Earl (Kathy) of Halstad and Vernon (Vicki) of Frazee, MN; sister-in-law, Gwen, Dilworth, MN. He also is survived by the following nieces and nephews: Janice (Bill) Dudgeon, Petersburg, ND, Richard (Sheila) Holland, Rapid City, SD, LeeAnn Rude, Blaine, MN, Kelly (Tim) Stiller, Concord, CA, Wendy (Dave) Olson, Omaha, NE, Jonathon (Brandon Amundson) Holland, Northfield, MN, Laurie (Tim) Wollenzien, Moorhead, MN, Scott (Kristy) Jetvig, Hawley, MN, Denise (Mark) Woodcock, White Bear Lake, MN, Sara (Joe) Klingfus, Hawley, MN, Paul (Dawn) Holland, Longboat Key, FL and Ruth Holland, Rosemount, MN, 26 great nieces and nephews and several cousins. Also included are: Adam Volz, his general manager, his former students, countless friends, customers and employees. He was preceded in death by his parents, Norah and Ludvig, two brothers Ames and Lowell, sisters-in-law Jeanette and Sue.

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God looked around his garden
 And found an empty place.
 He then looked down upon the earth
 And saw your tired face.
 He put his arms around you
 And lifted you to rest.
 God's garden must be beautiful
 He always takes the best.
 He knew you were suffering,
 He knew that you were in pain.
 He knew that you would never
 Get well on earth again.
 He saw the road was getting rough
 And the hills were hard to climb.
 He closed your weary eyelids
 And whispered, "Peace Be Thine."
 It broke our hearts to lose you,
 But you didn't go alone.
 Part of us went with you
 The day God called you home.

"Thank you for today and what ever you do, have fun!"
 - Neal

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FUNERAL SERVICE

West Funeral Home Chapel
 West Fargo, North Dakota
 Thursday, June 20, 2019 - 2:00 p.m.

OFFICIANT

The Rev. Natalie Carlson
 Zion Lutheran Church, Harwood, ND

MUSIC

Samuel Klingfus, *pianist*
 Hymn: "Amazing Grace"
 "In the Garden"
 Laurie, Tim & Margaret Wollenzien, *vocalists*
 "The Lord's Prayer"
 Recording by Sara Klingfus & Vonnice Specht
alto saxophone & piano

PALLBEARERS

Jonathan Holland Paul Holland Richard Holland
 Scott Jetvig Isaiah Klingfus Joe Klingfus
 Samuel Klingfus Mark Woodcock

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Neal's nieces, nephews & Adam Volz

INTERMENT

Oakwood Cemetery Harwood, ND

MILITARY RITES

West Fargo VFW Post #7564
 North Dakota Military Honors - Army

*The family wishes to express their appreciation for your
 kindness and support during this difficult time. Please join
 them for fellowship immediately following the service.*

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