



## Vernon Sandbak

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It is with great sadness that the family of Vern Sandbak announces his passing after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Vern peacefully left us at his home late on Sunday, November 19, 2017, at the age of 68. His final days were spent surrounded by his loving wife of 30 years, Beverly, daughter, Stephanie, his parents, George (his father, best friend and fishing partner), and Naomi (his biggest fan), sisters, Vicki and Georgene, and brothers, Verle and Jeffrey, as well as his extended family from Town Ford (Pat Armstrong and "the gang") and many caring and concerned friends.

Vern was born in Minot, N.D. on April 7, 1949. The Sandbak family migrated to Washington State and settled in Monroe, where Vern graduated from Monroe High School in 1967. As a gifted athlete with tremendous artistic abilities, he attended Eastern Washington University, prior to enlisting in the U.S. Navy where he served for seven years. Vern worked in and around the greater Tacoma, WA, area as owner/operator of N.W. Factory Homes for several years, before he and Beverly moved to the Wenatchee, WA, area. He loved family BBQ's, woodworking, fishing with his father (George), camping and watching sports.. . he arguably is one of the greatest armchair coaches of all-time!

Quick with a smile and a story, kind and generous to a fault, Vern will be missed and remembered for his tremendous strength and abundant goodness to anyone in need. His spirit and laughter will live in our hearts forever.

A Celebration of Life will be arranged after the holiday season (refer to Verle and Jeff's Facebook page for details). At Vern's request, his ashes will be spread at his favorite fishing hole, Rufus Woods lake, this spring.

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Let me first say to Verns family that I am truly saddened to learn of his passing and you all have my heartfelt sympathy. I met Vern over 20 years ago when I bought a holster set from him. We spoke by phone and via email often at that time. I soon expressed an interest in trying my hand at the craft of holster making and Vern was extremely helpful. He sent me many patterns, some of which I use to this day. He also sent me a package of hardware parts for holster construction. I always found him very willing to help me out. We stayed in touch for a couple of years, even exchanged Christmas card photos. As often happens we just lost touch but I will never forget his helpful attitude towards me. Again, my sympathy for his family and my apology for being so slow in writing this tribute.

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**David Stanley** - April 02, 2020 at 12:01 PM

DL

“ Our best wishes to the entire Sandbak family and hope the great memories Vern left for all of us will not be forgotten. Vern was indeed a proud Monroe Bearcat and team player throughout his life.

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**Dick & Ginny Langum** - November 14, 2018 at 10:10 PM

AS

“ Vernon's family: I'm so sorry for your loss. I went through a similar situation and I was very helped by the hope that I found in the Bible in John 5:28, which says, "Do not amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out". I am sending you a link with more information on this hope.

[jw.org/finder?pub=w14&issue=20140101&wtlocale=E&srcid=share](http://jw.org/finder?pub=w14&issue=20140101&wtlocale=E&srcid=share)

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**Adalberto Sanchez** - December 02, 2017 at 08:15 AM

GD

“ *Bev and family*

*We are so sorry to lose Vern. We only knew him from Town Ford but we bought 4 vehicle's from him. He was far more than a sales person and we can honestly say we called him a friend. He was so down to earth and always checked in with us personally or if we were at the dealership. The world is a little sadder without him in it.*

*Gary Doerschlag and Debbie Tincher*

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**Gary A Doerschlag** - November 26, 2017 at 06:41 PM

WB

“ *Vern will be greatly missed by the Bixby family.  
We are sorry for your loss.*

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**William Bixby** - November 26, 2017 at 02:02 PM

LK

“ *The nicest man you'll ever meet! Our hearts are broken!! You don't realize how important someone is until their gone! We miss you Vern! Nathan says you were like a grandpa, Jon can't tell me what you told Jeff to tell him w/o tears. We love you buddy!! I'll send carrot cake to you in April!*

*Love forever!!! The Kuhnhen's*

*Bev, we are so sorry for your loss! :(*

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**Lisa Kuhnhen** - November 21, 2017 at 05:48 PM