



## Gary D. Holland

May 27, 1938 - March 26, 2014

Gary Dean Holland, 75, of Bloomington, died March 26 at Bloomington Hospital.

An avid golfer and lifelong sports fan, he was born May 27, 1938 in Madison, WI, the son of Victor and Edna (Neumann) Holland. His favorite teams were the Green Bay Packers (of which he was proud owner of one share) and the Wisconsin Badgers.

He graduated from Wisconsin High School in Madison, where he played on the varsity football, basketball and tennis teams, and the state championship volleyball team. He was also a member of the Glee Club and sang in a barbershop quartet.

After high school, he joined the U.S. Navy, serving a four-year tour of duty; then returned to Wisconsin, graduating with a degree in business from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

In his early career, he was a salesman for various companies and owned a firm in Appleton, WI,

which specialized in recruiting people for the print industry. While in Appleton, he was also active in the Children's Theater program with his twin daughters.

Holland moved to Bloomington in 1993, becoming a reluctant but supportive fan of the IU Hoosiers, and a near-daily fixture at Cascades Golf Club.

He spent the final years of his full-time career as a district manager in the circulation department of the Herald-Times, retiring in August 2012. At the time of his death, he worked part-time for Town and Country Chrysler Dodge Jeep.

Holland's first love was his family. His second was golf - a game he always said was his specialty because he had mastered it, "except for distance and direction." Those who played with him regularly considered him the world's luckiest golfer, because after every good shot he would say, "Well, that was just lucky."

His many friends and close family will always remember him for his unswerving loyalty and fierce love, his quirky wit and the many anecdotes he told about his youth in Madison.

Surviving are his wife, Debra "Kit" Holland of Bloomington; five children -- Michele (John) Eimon of Oconomowoc, WI, Melissa Holland Mansika (Arron) of Boulder, CO, Stacy Gano of Bloomington, IN, Rebecca (Bryan) Turner of Louisville KY, and Ryan "Alex" Trisler of Bloomington, IN; and seven

grandchildren - Lily and Noah Eimon, Maxwell Holland Mansika, Stephanie and Andrew "AJ" Gano, and Vera and Thad Turner. Also surviving are two sisters - Kathy (George) Luther of Sun Prairie, WI, and Mary (Steve) Nelson of McFarland, WI, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Junior Golf program at Cascades Golf Course. The checks should be written to the City of Bloomington, with "For Junior Golf Club in Memory of Gary Holland" in the memo line, and should be mailed to Cascades Golf Course, c/o Pro Aaron Craig, 3550 N Kinser Pike, Bloomington, IN 47401. (812) 349-3764.

Memorial services are being planned in Bloomington, IN and in Madison, WI. Arrangements are being handled by Allen Funeral Home in Bloomington.

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ We were very sad to hear about Gary's passing, our heart felt condolences goes out to Kit and the family. We will all miss Gary's quick wit and fun loving great humor. It is comforting to know that he is with Victor and Edna.

Sincerely,  
Jerry & Gail Tigges

---

**Jerry Tigges** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

ST

“ It was a pleasure working and associating with Gary when he worked at Town & Country. He will be missed and remembered for his kind and gentle manner.

---

**Steve Mosca** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

DJ

“ We are so sorry to hear about Gary. I really liked him. He was a good man. Please know our prayers are with you all.

---

**Dave and Janet Triseln** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

TI

“ Gary was more than a loyal friend and employee. He became a big brother and even at times father figure for me. He called me Coach and I called him Dutch. He was one of the nicest men I've ever met and I'm saddened by his passing, yet so glad I got to know him.

*He was a Packer Backer and a Whisky fan to the max. I often would give him an "On Wisconsin" when the Badgers had won a football or basketball game. I know who I'm rooting for in the NCAA's this year!*

*He taught me golf tips, yet I only ever beat him on the course once. My game was bad, but Gary never minded. He was just happy to be there. My standard come back to him when he left a putt short, delivered in my best Scottish brogue, "the hole will no come to you Da", never failed to bring the Holland smile.*

*Thank you for being my friend Gary.*

*On Wisconsin Dutch!*

---

**Tim Smith** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

DH

“ I was very sad to learn of Gary's passing. I send love to his wife and dear family in Oconomowoc. I had the pleasure of being his beautiful grand-daughter, Lily's, kindergarten teacher in 2012-13. One day Lily asked me if her grandfather could be a helper in our classroom at Greenland Elementary School. All she told me was that he was in WI for a funeral. Never one to turn down a volunteer, I put him in charge of the paint center during playtime! Every time I looked over his way he was smiling, giggling or laughing with the children, all of whom took to him right away. I tear up thinking of that day today because our wonderful conversation, prior to his leaving, unveiled the fact that he and my father, Tom Ellis (Madison, WI) were first cousins! I had a picture of my father in my classroom to share with him. We were both in disbelief, to say the least. Very special moment.... I send my love to Michele, Lily and Noah, all of whom I learned that day are my third and fourth cousins :). I will never forget Gary's kind, gentle, fun-loving spirit that he shared with Lily's class and teacher that day. Rest in peace. I will never forget you. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

---

**Diane (Ellis) Herro** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

LE

“ Uncle Gary,  
You were loved by many and will be missed by all. Words cannot express how sorry I am to hear of your passing. My heartfelt condolences to everyone who has been touched by you. May God's Grace shine on you and take you deep into the light.  
With sadness and gratitude,  
Your niece and goddaughter,  
Leslie

---

**Leslie Y** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM