



Vernon Lott

May 16, 1928 - January 21, 2022

Vernon Lott, beloved spouse of Shirley Lott, Springdale, AR passed peacefully into eternal life on January 21, 2022. Born on May 16, 1928, in Ink, Arkansas, he lived an adventurous, full, and faithful life. At 17, he joined the United States Army Air Corps/US Air Force and served his country at the end of World War 2 and throughout the Korean War, promoting to the highest enlisted rank of Master Sergeant, before retiring with 20 years of dedicated service. It was during his military career that he met the love of his life Shirley Van Valkenburg, whom he married on October 8, 1955, and lived 62 years in wedded bliss until her death in 2017.

Vernon earned his bachelor's degree from Loyola University and master's degree from California State Polytechnic University while working and raising a family of 9 children. He worked a few years at MacDonalD-Douglas in aerospace and astronautics before being hired at Covina Valley Unified School District where he served as the Director of Human Resources for over 20 years. During his tenure with the school district, Vernon made a positive difference in the lives of many within the educational field as best represented by those who remained in contact with him for advice long after his retirement. Vernon and Shirley were avid travelers visiting all 50 US states and much of the world. Vernon loved gardening and building things, making jams and jellies, and sharing his opinions. Vernon was active in service for others throughout his life including spending several months volunteering with Maryknoll Sisters in Africa and many years working at the annual Maryknoll

bazaar. But perhaps his most meaningful service work has been his time spent working at the annual Tontitown Grape Festival and at the St. Joseph's church food pantry where he volunteered preparing food for the needy of his community in Tontitown. Vernon was also proud to assist in fundraising for the St. Joseph's school in Fayetteville and enjoyed immensely planning and inviting friends and family for several tables over the years.

When not traveling or spending time with their children and family members, Vernon and Shirley enjoyed attending theatre and were active supporters of Theatre of the Ozarks, Theatre Squared, Crystal Bridges, Walton Arts Center, and University of Arkansas theatre. Shirley and Vernon have all 9 children surviving, including: Anastasia, Maryknoll Sister, Patrick (spouse Kim), Damien (spouse Mary Ellen), Bridget (partner Amy), Rebecca (partner Warren), Gretchen (spouse Joe Romano), Catherine (spouse Ronald Heath), Christopher, and Jordan. He is also survived by his brothers Bobby and Johnny, sister Edna, fifteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Vernon is preceded in death by his beloved spouse Shirley, his parents Lee and Ruby Lott, his brothers Herman and Leo and sister-in-law's Sandy Lott and Edith Lott. In lieu of flowers, his family asks you to please consider donating to Maryknoll Sisters, or St. Joseph's Catholic School, Fayetteville AR. Visitation will be on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 6:30pm with Rosary following at 7:00pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 10:00 am. Father John Connell and Father Jon Miskin will preside with all services held at: St. Joseph Catholic Church, Tonti Town, AR. A reception will be held in the St. Joseph Church Hall immediately following mass.

Private interment at Fayetteville National Cemetery will be conducted on Thursday, January 27, 2022.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.
Fayetteville, AR
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/fayetteville.asp>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
136 E Henri De Tonti Blvd
Springdale, AR 72762
<http://www.stjoetontitown.org>

Rosary

JAN 25. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vernon Lott*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Mr. Lott was the kindest and most generous person I have every met. I hope to carry out his selfless ability to serve others. It was my honor to know him.*

Annie Gibilisco

Annie Gibilisco - January 30, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ *Vernon was a kind man. My dad (Edward Pianalto) and he had a lot in common with both having a strong love of God, their families and grapes that he used to make wonderful jellies. Mike always appreciated his invitation to attend the annual St. Joseph mens night out fundraiser. He was a very generous man and will be missed.*

Mike and Denise Pearce

Denise Pearce - January 26, 2022 at 08:19 PM

MW

“ Lorie and I are so sorry to hear about the passing of your Father. He was a great man with a truly generous soul. We will never forget the kindness you shared toward our family. We send you our love and support at this very difficult time. We know our Lord will send you comfort to sustain you. Many your parents faith and optimism always be part of your legacy. You are truly an amazing family.

With gratitude and Love,

*Mary Waid and Lorie Wojick
The Stankus Girls from Wisconsin*



Mary Waid - January 25, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon Lott.*



January 25, 2022 at 01:13 PM

JT

“ *Prayers of comfort for the Lott family and friends. Wonderful family Jan and Tim Odahl*

Jan and Tim - January 25, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Vernon Lott.*



January 24, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Vern was a remarkable man, probably the finest I have ever known. While working with him at the school district in Covina he made all those around him - and especially me - look good. His selfless service to his country speaks volumes. My wife and I express our profound condolences to his family, his friends and his church. Heaven now has a new angel.*

*Ron and Carol Matejcek
Claremont, California*

Ron Matejcek - January 24, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ *APi National Service Group purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Vernon Lott.*



APi National Service Group - January 24, 2022 at 02:40 PM

YT

“ Your NSG Walmart Team purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Vernon Lott.



Your NSG Walmart Team - January 24, 2022 at 01:20 PM

TT

“ The Sedgwick Implementation Team purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Vernon Lott.



The Sedgwick Implementation Team - January 24, 2022 at 12:38 PM

JM

“ With all our love and prayers from the Public Safety Training Center

J C Molloy - January 24, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vernon Lott.



January 24, 2022 at 11:28 AM

PD

“ How we loved Vernon's jellies and jams here at Maryknoll Sisters Center! And I remember well the Lott clan led by Vernon and Shirley in our annual Bazaar. Such joy and generosity will continue to live on in us. You now know the source of all Love in our God you 'see' face to face. Blessings abound. Peg Dillon

Peg Dillon - January 24, 2022 at 09:30 AM

MW

“ Rest In Peace, King of SJCS Men's Night. Mr. Lott, you will be missed by so many. Your generosity and kindness have been a gift to SJCS and me. Christ's peace be with Mr. Lott's family and friends.



Mark Wilburn - January 23, 2022 at 03:50 PM

ML

“ Wanda and I will miss our neighbor, Vern, very much. We did enjoy the loving touches he and his beloved wife did for us for many years here at Harbor Meadows.
We know he is in a much better place and we will see him when our time here on earth is over. Condolences to his children and other family members. May the lord be with you all.

milford leber - January 23, 2022 at 07:36 AM

LC

“ LOVE JORDAN AND CAROLINE purchased the Island Memories Casket Spray for the family of Vernon Lott.



LOVE JORDAN AND CAROLINE - January 22, 2022 at 10:59 PM

DD

“ My heart will always smile when I think of Mr. Lott or drive by the home he and Mrs. Shirley shared. I always looked forward to seeing their amazing nativity scene and sunflowers. I have a few jars of his fabulous jelly - his muscadine and blueberry were my favorites. We will certainly miss him. He was such an honorable man. - Dena Duckworth

Dena Duckworth - January 22, 2022 at 10:25 PM

KE

Dear wonderful Lott family, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. I will always remember how your father would pick us up from high school in a huge van! There were a lot of us needing rides and your father didn't hesitate taking the neighborhood kiddos home too! I will always love the Lott family and cherish all our memories and your dad! He and Shirley are together with our Lord and Savior! Sending love to your entire family! Kim Hayes-Espinosa

Kim Espinosa - January 23, 2022 at 11:14 AM

RL

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Rebecca Lott - January 22, 2022 at 09:36 PM

AN

“Dad shared so many interesting stories with me during these few days we had together. We had gone to church together at St Joseph’s Tontitown but never made it to mass. The community there and EMS/Fire personnel/medical/chaplain staff at Mercy all so kind in those last minutes. An amazing person who touched many lives.

Anastasia - January 22, 2022 at 05:11 PM

PD

You, dear Anastasia, and your whole family are held in prayer and love at this time. May God's great love come to bring you comfort and courage in the days ahead. Blessings abound, Peg

Peg Dillon - January 24, 2022 at 09:35 AM

TC

So sorry to hear about Vern, we spent so much time together while working at CVUSD, my very best friend. Karen and I will miss him,

Tom Callahan - January 26, 2022 at 01:49 PM