



## Vance M Holley

March 18, 1941 - March 20, 2021

On Saturday, March 20, 2021, Vance Maitland Holley, loving husband and father of six passed away at the age of 80.

Vance was born on March 18, 1941 in Charleston, West Virginia to Velda Holley Wooten Simpson and Orrie Edwards.

Vance served 3 years in the US Air Force before working as a carrier for the US Postal Service. While working for the USPS he decided to go back to school. He graduated from California State Polytechnic University in 1972 and went on to work with the city of San Bernardino's Redevelopment Agency in California.

Later Vance joined Lockheed Martin where he had a 29-year career in HR, including VP of EEOC, before retiring. Vance loved playing golf and traveling with his golf buddies. He and his golf buddies remained good friends even after he was no longer able to play.

Vance had an infectious, hearty laugh and loved to start a vigorous conversation with anyone, especially his family.

He could be seen wearing whatever color sunglasses he chose for that day, which added to the mystique of (what I think was) his self-proclaimed

nickname, Holleywood Holley. He loved California, his home away from home. And as someone once described Vance, he was a “larger than life” character.

Vance is preceded in death by his parents, Velda and Orie, his brothers Levi Wooten, Jr., Martin Hughes, Rodney Edwards and sister Mildred Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Holley, his blended family of children; Kathy (Bennie) Umstead, Terri (Mike) Love, Jacquelyn Hilliard, Donald (Liezl) Parker, Ronald (Sofiya) Parker and Victoria Holley. Grandchildren - Jessica (Jamil) Amous, Bryan (Aiysha) Brown, Brittany (Rechab) Gray, Corey (Erika) Love, Jalen Parker, Ciara Parker, Taylor Love, Erin Parker, Sydney Parker, Justin Parker, Ronald Parker Jr, Lia Parker, Maya Rumpel, Sebastian Holley and Lily Parker. Great grandchildren - Aaron, Zipporah, Jonathan and Hadassah Gray, Ava and Quinn Brown and Jordyn Love. Sisters and brothers, Anna Francine Callahan-Hackler, Myra (Leo) Simpson, Denise Wooten Watson, Gregory (Tonya) Edwards, Mark (Shirley) Simpson and Faith Simpson. A host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, a longtime friend of over 50 years, Richard Cook, along with many wonderful, dear friends, who are too numerous to list.

We will all miss him dearly as he was the patriarch and glue that held family and friends together across many generations.

No formal service is being held, but a memorial will be held at a later date. The family asks for your continued prayers.

Flowers may be sent to 14811 Dolphin Way, Bowie MD 20721.

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ For some reason tonight, I began to think about Vance. I googled his name thinking I would find him a Hollywood star. We worked together at the City of SAn Bernardino Mayors office early 70’s\r\nYouth activities supervisors ceta program. Vance was still working part time at ups trying to find the right opportunities. Great guy true activist for our community. There are still a few of left from those 70’s activist days. I will let them know that the big guy moved on \r\nTo be the star he truly was!

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**Tim Gergen** - June 08, 2023 at 11:29 PM

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“ With heartfelt condolences.

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**Pat Margulies** - June 09, 2021 at 09:24 AM

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“ Vance was such a good, good, good man... I am so sorry to learn of his passing. I offer my best thoughts to his family -- you guys brought him a lot of joy and were his world. I am so very sorry that he left us so early.

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**Pat Margulies** - June 09, 2021 at 09:22 AM

DC

“ For my BFF Jackie. Our CCG From Dan, Bob and Her Texas Belle

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**Dan, Bob, Cindy** - May 02, 2021 at 06:57 PM

TL

“ Remembering you and \"Vance Holley\" in our minds and in our hearts. I have nothing but great memories with all of you

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**Tonja & Louise** - March 29, 2021 at 12:05 PM

IB

“ We met Vance and Virginia 25 years ago as neighbors in Germantown, MD. We have many great memories of cocktails and conversations sitting on your deck. We’re very sorry for the loss of Vance, and we send our deepest condolences to Virginia, Victoria and the entire family. Holding you in prayer, Ingrid & Harvey Brownlee (Justin & Jordan)

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**Ingrid Brownlee** - March 29, 2021 at 08:49 AM

TF

“ Sent with love and remembrance of Vance \“Hollywood\” Holley. We will always cherish the memories we made and hold Vance in our hearts forever.

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**The Antoine Family** - March 28, 2021 at 08:26 PM

TP

“ Virginia, \“ Vance \“ brought so many gift to our life. We will never forget him! He was always a RAY of SUNSHINE! You have our deepest sympathy.

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**Terry & Rebecca Powell** - March 27, 2021 at 06:32 PM

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“ We share your grief. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**The Wakefields** - March 27, 2021 at 12:56 PM

DK

“ May the roots of this tree grow far and wide, like the life of our cousin Vance. He will forever be in our hearts. Love & Light to all.

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**Deb, Tammy & Kirk** - March 26, 2021 at 03:52 PM