



## Robert Holton

December 2, 1946 - December 2, 2004

"Robert Holton"

AURORA, Wis. - Robert J. Holton, 58, of Aurora, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at the V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1946, in Crystal Falls, son of the late John and Gloria (Gribble) Holton. Bob has been a lifelong resident of this area and graduated from Florence High School.

He served with the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 1964-67. As a Specialist 4, his service decorations include the Army Commendation Medal with V Devise for Valor, the Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 devise, and the Purple Heart.

Bob married the former Donna VanHaute on July 6, 1968, at First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

He worked for 20 years for Hosking Tire Co. and 15 years at Michigan Airgas.

Bob was a member of Homestead Baptist Church. He served as Quartermaster for the Aurora Veterans of Foreign Wars for many years. He was also a member of the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department and was the fire warden in Aurora for 20 years. Bob enjoyed hunting, working in the yard and plowing snow in the winter.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; his son, Paul (Roxanne) Holton of Niagara; his daughter, Tracie (Daniel) Watts of Kingsford; two brothers, Greg (Sue)

Holmes of Niagara and Worth Holmes of Niagara; two sisters, Mary Jane (Richard) Spade of Niagara and Geraldine (Gary) Smith of Homestead, Wis.; three grandchildren, Brian Baldwin, Alyssa Holton, and Caitlynn Holton; and his mother-in-law, Doris VanHaute of Aurora.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Carl Holmes; a brother, John Holton; and his father-in-law, Raymond VanHaute.

Visitation will be on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be at noon on Saturday at the Homestead Baptist Church in Homestead. Rev. Brad Moore will officiate.

Burial will be in the Homestead-Aurora Cemetery.

A memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Robert Holton online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ I miss you so much! 😭



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**Caitlynn** - January 06, 2020 at 05:39 AM

JF

“ Donna, Paul, Traci and families, Just wanted to let you know that my thoughts & prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Paul I am so happy you were able to make it home to spend sometime with your dad before he left this world and I am sure he was too. Bob is now resting in peace, may you find comfort in knowing that.

*Jennifer (Sorensen) Flynn*

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**Jennifer (Sorensen) Flynn** - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ To Bob's family,

*I never got the privilege of meeting Bob in person, but did have the opportunity to get to know him via the phone. Besides discussing things pertaining to Airgas, we learned that we both enjoyed the history of WWII. Bob was missed at Airgas when he had to leave, but not as much as he is missed now.*

*Lori Klocke  
Human Resources  
Airgas*

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**Lori Klocke** - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Dear Paul, Roxie and Holton family  
Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. You are in our thoughts and in our hearts.

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**Val and Craig** - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Paul and family, I send my deepest sympathy during this difficult time. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your classmate & friend, Mary Verberg

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**Mary Verberg** - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Donna, our deepest sympathy to you. Sorry to know of your loss, but Bob's gain of heaven's many rewards. I remember treasured time spent with Bob from comparing wounds on the battlefield to the last two Charlie Company reunions where we found out our birthday was the same.. Looking forward to seeing Bob and family again at the big reunion in Heaven. We love you all. Friends forever, Ken & Sue mize

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**Ken & Sue Mize** - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ To Bob's family, I send my deepest sympathy and am truly sorry for your loss. May God be with you and comfort you during this tough time.

*Todd Trebon Safety Department Airgas - North Central*

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**Todd Trebon** - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Donna,  
*I am so sorry to hear of Bob's death. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

*Pam*

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**Pam Morin** - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Donna,  
*Our heartfelt sympathies go to you and your family . We were so sorry to hear of the loss of Bob. Our thoughts are with you.*  
*Love Mark and Kim Hoaglund*

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**Mark and Kim Hoaglund** - December 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Donna and your entire family. We met Bob many years ago and have always heard good things about him. He was a true soldier of God in his many months of suffering. May he rest in peace. Thinking of you, Tom and Bonnie Conway (Mary Van Haute's brother and sister-in-law)*

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**Tom and Bonnie Conway** - December 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Just wanted to let you know that Bob will be missed - I had a lot of great times working and just plain talking with him...*

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**Mike Patterson** - December 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ With regrets and sympathy we are with Donna, Paul, Traci during this hard time in their life. The loss of a loved one is always painful. Just getting to see Bobby and spend time with him and his family during this last 16 months was a joy that I did not want to end. You are always with us and in our hearts and prayers. " The Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles" Isiah 40:31. We love you all.

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**Charlie Epperson & family** - December 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dear Donna & Paul & Family:  
We are so very sorry and sadden to hear about Bobby. Words can never take away the pain that we feel at the loss of a loved one or friend, but may it help in some small way that you all are in our prayers.  
As I was praying , this is what came to me.  
Yes, we are all very sadden about the loss ( to say the least) of a friend & brother,  
there is a void and emptiness there,  
but if we can stop & think for a moment about "our friend & brother",  
about how it happened to be this time of the year,  
What greater gift could your friend have, then to be in glory with the Savior  
and "His" birthday to share,where is only joy and happiness  
and no pain & tears

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**Al & Marie Brown** - December 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ For some reason Bob was one of the few Charlie Co. men that I remebered from Vietnam. When he attended the last 2 reunions he was so full of life. Happy and seeming to be going to live forever. We all know that we are mortal and will all someday go to the Lord. Bob is one person I look forward to meeting there. Donna be strong in the love that we all have for Bob. God Bless you and yours and know that our prayers and thoughts and love are with you.

Marty Kroah

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**Marty Kroah** - December 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Donna and family, I am truly sorry for your loss of Bob, in the short time i was able to get to know him and care for him I knew he was a great person with many friends and family members who felt the same way. May your faith give you strength. Sincerly, Amy (one of Bob's nurse's)

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**Amy Vanklompberg** - December 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Donna, my heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. God be with you and comfort you.  
Love, Vicky Weasler

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**Vicky Weasler** - December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dearest Donna,

*My time with you and Bob was brief, but over the course of just a few a days this past June, my heart began to love you both. Please know my thoughts are with you and my prayers have already found their way to heaven. I know first hand the loss you feel and for that reason my tears fall. To find peace in times of suffering is difficult but I find great solace knowing Bob is dancing with the angels in his halo and wings. I hope you feel the love and warm embrace being sent your way.*

*Your Friend,  
Lori Seasholtz  
(daughter of Sgt. Ronald Seasholtz, KIA 4-11-66)*

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**Lori Seasholtz** - December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *my god be with you and your family in the time that is needed the most, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. my god bless you at this time of sorrow.*

*Jack, Trisha, Josh, Chelsea and Jacob Butterfield*

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**Jack Butterfield and Family** - December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM