



## Delmar J. Holson Jr.

October 21, 1934 - January 25, 2025

Delmar J. Holson Jr. passed away Saturday, January 25th. He was born in Corvallis, Oregon and moved to Benicia with his family as a child. Del proudly served 20 years in the United States Navy beginning in 1954, serving on the USS Isle Royale and CV-62 USS Independence as an AK1. He was Honorably discharged in 1974 and moved his family back to his hometown of Benicia.

Following his retirement he worked at several places including Ace Hardware, The Treasury Store in Pleasant Hill, Mare Island Naval Shipyard for almost 15 years and finally at Bay Area Barricade before retiring when he was almost 80 years old.

Del was an avid bowler and won countless trophies and carried a career 200 average. Del was also a huge sports fan, especially high school sports, where he attended over 1,000 home and away games in nearly every sport from Girls Volleyball to Panther Football games with his wife Patricia. He loved rooting for Stanford, the San Francisco 49ers and the San Francisco Giants with his favorite player, Willie Mays.

Del coached Little League Baseball from 1978-85. Since 1986, he devotedly coached girls softball locally for more than 35 years in the Benicia PAL League and more than 15 of those years included coaching Travel Softball as well. He also helped out for a couple of seasons with Benicia High School

Softball.

Del's passion for coaching was well-known in Benicia and the surrounding areas. He loved teaching all of his players to have fun and enjoy the game while being competitive. Two of his most proud moments of his sports life were having a local softball tournament named for him and being elected to the Benicia High School Hall of Fame on September 28, 2024.

Del is survived by his three children, Larry (Sarah) Holson of Cass,WV, Karen (Charlie) Tennenbaum of Fairfield,CA and Brian (Dian) Holson of Katy,TX; Eight grandchildren, Shannon (Paul) Alderman , Stephanie (Nathan) Stickler , Doug Holson, Alyssa (Justin) Leon, Kyle Pierce, Andrew (Mazy) Holson , Rachel Holson (Zane Crawford), Sarah Holson. Twelve great GrandChildren and One Great-Great Grandson. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his wonderful wife Patricia in 2017.

Visitation will be Monday, February 10th from 2-6 p.m. at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Graveside services with Military Honors will be held 11:00 a.m., Tuesday , February 11th at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

5810 Midway Road  
Dixon, CA 95620

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

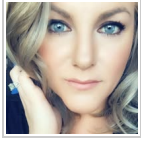
Passalacqua Funeral Chapel  
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Benicia, CA 94510  
(707) 745-3130  
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## Graveside Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (PT)

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Del was everything that encompassed a Coach. I played for a few of his teams and those are some of the Best memories I have...I looked forward to his response to my Christmas Card every year and him stopping me every time to say hello around town! I feel honored to have know Del, played for him, and to have been around his life for so many years. May You Rest Peacefully Coach* ❤️🙏

**Shannon Mitchell-Frades** - February 13, 2025 at 03:02 PM

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“ *Erin Jacobs and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Delmar J. Holson Jr..*



**Erin Jacobs and family** - February 10, 2025 at 12:26 PM

EL

“ *Del was as genuine a person on the field as he was off it. I had many opportunities to umpire quite a few of his PAL Girls softball games. He always complained about my low strike zone!....Lol. But after the game was over, he always came over and shook my hand, looked me in the eye and said, "Thank you" . Then we both smiled and laughed about the events of the game. He always made sure that all his players got the opportunity to play, regardless of their talent level. I respected him for his heart and love of the game. He will most certainly be missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace Del.*

**Ed Little** - February 07, 2025 at 04:47 PM

EF

“ I am proud to say I knew him !! He was what rec. softball is all about making sure that all the girls he coached had an opportunity to play each position both offensively and defensively. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him !! Rest in peace my friend !!

Ed Fracisco - January 29, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MS

Del was the best coach Benicia softball league had! Most importantly he was a mentor to my daughter who had the privilege of Coach showing the game of softball. To your family, community and service to our USA. Thank you Del & Rest easy.

Marcella Mia Spurgeon - February 04, 2025 at 08:57 PM

ML

“ He was a great friend to  
Our family. We will  
Miss him. Mary And Stu Levine



Mary Levine - January 27, 2025 at 10:54 PM