



Darrell D. Holtz

May 25, 1920 - January 22, 2011

Darrell Dean Holtz was born on May 25, 1920. He grew up hearing his mother, a dedicated Seventh-day Adventist school teacher, tell him that he'd been dedicated to God from birth, and he took her seriously. He was 21 years old and a student at Emmanuel Missionary College in Michigan when the Pearl Harbor attack happened, so he spent the next four years in the Army. He wanted to serve overseas, but had some physical limitations that limited him to service in the United States.

On Aug. 1, 1945, he married Verna Breitlow, a nurse he first met when she tended to a finger he'd injured playing softball. He said that the bandage mysteriously kept coming off that finger, requiring return visits to the nurse! They were married for nearly 40 years, until Verna's death on May 29, 1985.

In February of 1949, the Holtzes took their three month old son Darrell Jr. to Brazil, where they served as missionaries. The family grew with the addition of their daughter Carolyn in 1953. Darrell served as an educational administrator, school principal and treasurer, and teacher for the Seventh-day Adventist Church there until 1960. He then taught at Sandia View Academy in New Mexico, and College View Academy in Lincoln, NE through the 60s and 70s, and then pastored in Dalhart, TX for a number of years before he retired.

In 1995, he moved to Shawnee, KS, where he served as a part-time chaplain

at Shawnee Mission Medical Center, and then as a hospital volunteer who accumulated more than 14,000 hours of volunteer time. He remained active at the hospital and at his church until his death on Jan. 22, 2011.

He is survived by his son and daughter and their spouses Patricia Holtz and John Wilson, by his grandson, Darrell Dean Holtz III of Kansas City, KS and by his great-grandsons Xavier Ontiveros and Darrell Dean Holtz IV. He eagerly looked forward to life in the earth made new with his family and with the God he loved and served all his days.

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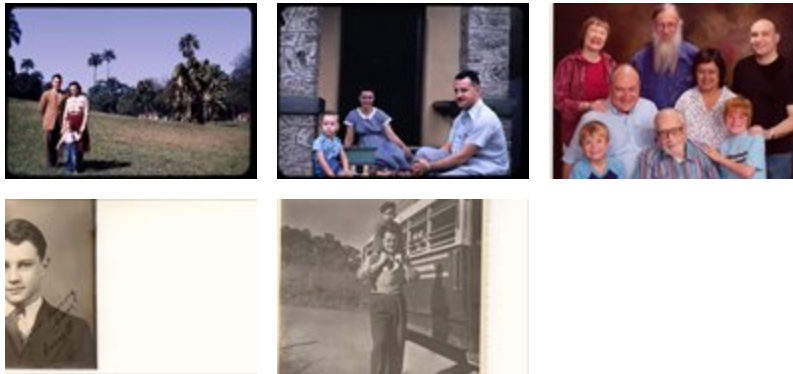
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