



# Vern Earl Runyan

FEB 5, 1954 - JUL 22, 2024



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**V**ern Earl Runyan, beloved father, grandfather, brother and friend. Passed away in his St. Helens home at the age of 70 on July 22, 2024. Born on February 5, 1954, in Libby, Montana, he was the adored son of Buddy and Joan Runyan, who predeceased him.

The family moved to the St. Helens area in 1967 when Vern was just 13, where he graduated from St. Helens High School in 1973. After graduation he worked for Cotter & Co. but eventually moved on to work for the Laborers Union at the age of 33 where he remained until he retired.

Vern was known for his love of camping, traveling, and exploring new places. His passion for music, tinkering in his shop, and enjoying water sports and social gatherings reflected his zest for life. Although a Northwest boy, he also loved traveling to sunny destinations, particularly the Caribbean and learning all the history in these new locations. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge, where he cherished the camaraderie of his fellow members.

Vern is survived by his three children, Joani Runyan, Amber Seely (Tyson), Brenten Runyan, and his faithful dog Lily. His legacy lives on through his three grandchildren, Auston, Harper, and Claire who adored their “funny Grandpa”. He is also survived by his two brothers, Carl, Kenneth and sister Sheryl. His memory will be fondly cherished by all who knew him for his warmth, humor, and generous spirit.

Although Vern and his former wife, Mary Lehto, parted ways, they remained connected through their shared love of their family.

Vern’s warm smile, and adventurous spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His family invites you to celebrate his life and remember your wonderful moments with him at Yankton Community Fellowship on August 30, 2024, at 1:30 PM. Because Vern has a soft spot and immense love of animals, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to an animal shelter in his honor.



# Events

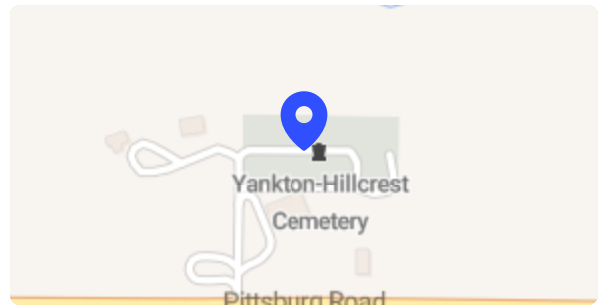
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## Celebration of Life

 **Friday, August 30, 2024**

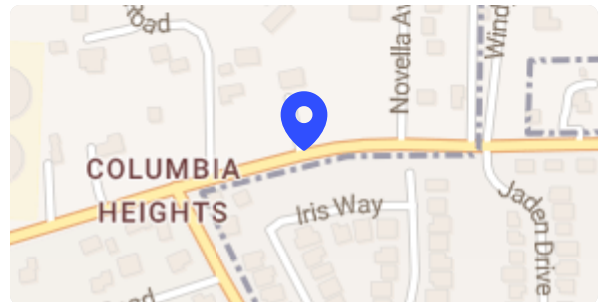
 1:30 PM PT

 **Yankton Community Fellowship Church**  
33579 Pittsburg Road, St. Helens OR



## Cemetery Details

 **Yankton Hillcrest Cemetery**  
Pittsburg Road, St. Helens OR





## Tribute Wall

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**Kathy Cooper Ashley** lit a candle in honor of Vern.

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August 13 at 2:07 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Vern by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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