



## Vernon James Ligtenberg

June 30, 1922 - October 31, 2011

LIGTENBERG, Vernon James

Vern passed away peacefully on October 31, 2011, at home with his wife and daughters at his side. He is survived by Verla, his loving wife of 65 years; his daughters, Sheri Ligtenberg and Candy and her husband Glenn Ornee; granddaughter Jamie and Korey Gilliland and their children, Alana, Kaden, and Brooke; and grandson Danny Ornee. He is also survived by his sister, Ruth Fridsma, and many nieces and nephews.

Vern was born June 30, 1922, at home on the family farm near Corsica, South Dakota, the youngest of 10 children. After graduation from high school, desiring to be a pilot, he took astronomy and advanced mathematics classes at the University of Chicago in order to qualify for training as a pilot with the U.S. Naval Reserve. He received his wings in May, 1944, and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre until January, 1946, when he received his honorable discharge.

Vern and Verla were married August 30, 1946, in Bellflower, Calif. After many years as a Real Estate Broker and being active in his church and community, he retired in 1988. Several years later, they moved to Santa Barbara to be near their daughter Candy and her family. Vern and Verla celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary just days before Vern suffered a stroke. He loved his

family with a passion, but first and foremost was his love for God.

The memorial service will be held on Friday, November 4 at 12 noon at Community Covenant Church of Goleta, 5070 Cathedral Oaks Blvd., Santa Barbara. There will be a viewing from 9:30 to 10:30 at Welch-Ryce-Haider in Goleta.

Arrangements by Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels.

To leave online condolences, please visit [www.wrhsb.com](http://www.wrhsb.com)

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 4. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Goleta

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Vern has been a dear friend for ten years. We appreciated his intelligence, integrity and genuine Christian faith. We always enjoyed our evenings together which included Vern's warm greetings and good humor. We will miss the fun we had playing games and the wisdom he brought to all our discussions. We feel privileged to have known and spent time with Vern and Verla.  
Harvey & Dorothy Matson

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**Dorothy Matson** - November 03, 2011 at 08:41 PM

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“ We used to play cards with you and Verla, and enjoyed your company so very much. We hadn't gotten together for quite some time because of health issues and we wish we would have tried to just get together earlier so we could enjoy your company. Norm will miss meeting with Vern every Wed. at Goleta Coffee on Turnpike. Norm will never forget that Vern would call him "Dude" when ever they spoke on the phone or got together.

*We Love Vern and Miss Him So Much, Norm & Fran Weber*

*We know he is with Our Lord and Pray we will see him someday.*

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**Fran Weber** - November 03, 2011 at 06:06 PM