



## Darrell Charles Harding

September 23, 1937 - May 28, 2021

Darrell Charles Harding was born September 23, 1937 in Burbank, California. His parents Harry and Viola Harding followed their dream to buy and run Cooks Motel in Butte MT after his father finished his professional baseball career, so then moved Darrell and his brothers Ronald and David in 1947. Darrell started his education at The Longfellow Elementary School then later graduated from Butte High School in 1956.

Following high school Darrell continued his football career while served his country in the Navy. He had the honor and tremendous accomplishment of playing the linebacker position for The All-Star Navy Football Team and was able to play in The Kimchi Bowl in 1958. After an honorable discharge Darrell made his way back to Butte MT then worked the rest of his career at The Berkley Pit and Good Year Tire.

Darrell married his high school love Patricia Boyer on October 17 , 1957. Together they had three beautiful children Lynn, Wayne, and Scott. After 26 years happily married Patti died in 1984.

In 1988 he met Marlene Holland and they married. Although they did later get a divorce, they enjoyed a tremendous lifelong friendship and had been his companion and friend.

Darrell enjoyed hunting, fishing and when he was a little older his oldest friend Jack Crowly, introduced him to the game of golf where he spent many of his days on the Highland View Golf Course. Darrell was also honored to be inducted into the Butte High Football Golden B's and was a lifelong member.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, brothers and his first wife Patty. He is survived by Lynn (Jim) Butala, Wayne (Robb) Harding, Scott (Katie) Harding, also his grandchildren Melissa(Jeff) Dahood, Mike (Casey) Butala, Kyle Harding, and Luke Harding. He also was blessed with four Great Grandchildren.

At Darrells request there will be no services and a private family burial will follow. Darrell asks that donations be sent to the Silver B Organization or The Butte Head Start Program. Express condolences at [www.wayrynen-richards.com](http://www.wayrynen-richards.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To The Entire Harding Family...we are truly saddened to learn of Darrell's passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolences and know that your entire family is in our daily thoughts and prayers. We are very sorry for your loss!*  
*Scott & Cindy Paffhausen*

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