

John Hovde – BS 1958, MS 1969 Pharmacy

John Merlin Hovde, 80, of Saint Cloud, MN passed May 11th at Quiet Oaks Hospice House in the loving arms of his wife Sharon.

An internment at Camp Ripley is planned for later this summer with a gathering in North Dakota for family.

John was born in Fargo, North Dakota to Manda and John on August 4th, 1936. He graduated high school at Rugby, North Dakota and North Dakota State University with a Masters of Pharmacy while proudly playing in the Gold Star Marching Band. John was an Army Veteran and played in one of the National Army Bands in the 1960s. John married Sharon Gilbertson on January 16th, 1988 in Fargo, North Dakota. He worked as a pharmacist for Saint Luke's Hospital for more than 30 years and continued his career at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Saint Cloud until his retirement in 2003. John was a very spiritual man and was actively involved with his Lutheran faith.

John is survived by his wife Sharon his sister Mavis Tornatore, Victor, NY and five children: David Hovde, Paso Robles CA; Mark (Valerie); Hovde, Kent, WA; Keri (Brit) Stevens, Fargo, ND; Mark Gilbertson, Fargo, ND; and Scott (Sarah) Gilbertson, San Francisco, CA.; and 8 grandchildren: Ethan, Campbell, Connor, Emilee, Benjamin, Zo, Lucas, and Sydney.

Memorials are preferred and may be sent to:

Quiet Oaks Hospice House
5537 Galaxy Road
St. Cloud, MN 56301

The family would like to thank the staff of Quiet Oaks for filling John's final weeks with compassion and comfort.