



Tyler Coyote

December 15, 1940 - January 23, 2019

Tyler Coyote, age 78, passed away on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at Heritage Manor Elroy (Elroy Health Services) following years of dementia decline during which he resided at a rural community based home near Viola. Tyler legally changed his name as an adult. Born December 15, 1940 as David Gale Halverson, he was raised by his maternal aunt Ruby and husband Harry Mollet on their farm east of Viroqua. Upon Harry's death Ruby and David, age 10, moved to Viroqua. David Mollet attended Cook rural and Viroqua High School, graduated in 1959, and joined the Army. Stationed in Korea, he developed air reconnaissance photos of the DMZ and North Korea. In 1962 he entered UW-Lacrosse on the GI Bill and married fellow student Lynn Halverson. They transferred to the University of Hawaii and earned Bachelor's degrees in 1967. David double majored in sociology and geography with a minor in biology and Lynn majored in library science. They served in the Peace Corps in Kingston, Jamaica. Upon return they lived in Albuquerque, NM, and Midwest City, OK. Divorced in 1980 David moved to Normal, OK and to Austin, TX in 1984. David took additional college classes and was an avid reader.

In Austin, Tyler monitored kids who were a danger to themselves or others while in a State of Texas institutional housing facility. Later, juvenile delinquents and gang members became the majority population. Tyler retired in 2000 and moved to his hometown Viroqua where he lived quietly. He enjoyed long walks, nature, a healthy vegetarian diet of soups and smoothies,

music, movies and study of various topics.

Tyler (aka David) is survived by his best friend Paul Granger (friend since childhood) of rural Hillsboro, the Granger family including Tom Granger of rural Viroqua and their mother Edith Thompson Granger Marshall who now has a farm near Hillsboro. Tyler is also survived by paternal half-sister, Beverly Hanson now of Waunakee (formerly of Fitchburg and Madison), WI; maternal niece, Theresa (Bohland) Edberg formerly of Galesville, WI; many Hanson relatives (aunt, cousins).

Tyler (aka David) is predeceased by his mother Verla Mae (Halverson) Bohland; aunt Ruby (Cox) Mollet (who raised David), her husband Harry Mollet; grandparents Magnus and Elsie (Cox) Halverson; half-sister, Betty Lou Bohland as well as many paternal Hanson relatives. The status of half-brother Donald McKittrick is unknown. Tyler did not know of Beverly, Betty or Donald while growing up.

The Clary Memorial Funeral Home, 26777 Jelland Drive, Richland Center is assisting arrangements. At Tyler's request no funeral service will be held. In remembrance a headstone has been placed at Viroqua Cemetery in Vernon, County.

Tribute Wall

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“ We would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family. With deep sympathy, we share your sorrow, after the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with our loved ones who have passed, this is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us. May God give you the strength to endure the pain you are going through and may he embrace you and comfort your family during this difficult time."Jesus said to her: 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.'" - John 11:25

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