



## Douglas L. Holen Sr.

September 11, 1948 - July 26, 2023

Douglas L. Holen Sr. of Cold Spring, MN passed away after a battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis, on July 26, 2023, at the age of 74 at his home. He was born September 11, 1948, in Alexandria, MN.

A Memorial is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2023, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Wenner Funeral Home, Cold Spring, MN.

Douglas was born in Alexandria, MN to Ivend and Perrine (Larson) Holen. He was the second oldest of five siblings. After Douglas graduated from Kimball High School, he served in the Army and Vietnam War. He went on to study to be a diesel mechanic at St. Cloud Technical School.

Douglas married Kathryn Konz June 25, 1969, at the Holy Cross Church in Pearl Lake, MN. They enjoyed 5 children, 18 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren over their 54 years of marriage.

Douglas was a diesel mechanic in his early career and retired after 35 years with the Cold Spring Granite Company. He was a member of the American Legion and MN Bowhunters Association. Douglas was a true outdoorsman who enjoyed bowhunting, fishing, birdwatching, rock collecting and astronomy. He enjoyed many other lifelong hobbies including reading and tinkering with things broken. Douglas always said to whomever he was working with,

“between the two of us, we can fix anything.”

Douglas taught each of his children to appreciate nature and all it has to offer. He taught us to notice and appreciate the small things like thunderstorms that last an hour, or the jack-in-the-pulpit plants on the side of a walking path. Douglas was a generous man with a kind soul who helped anyone in need to the best of his ability. However, if he were to read this, he would roll his eyes and tell us to “cut it out!”

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn and their 5 children: Douglas Jr. (Kimberly), Jennifer (Torrance) Harriel, Edward (Roberta), Lisa (Andrew) Isle, Anna Eull (David Johnson); siblings, Ivend (Kathy) Holen, Anita Holen and Scott (Lisa) Holen; 18 grandchildren: Gabrielle, Julia, Kaitlyn, James, Alexander, William, Cameron, Henry, Mathias, Lillian, August, Marcus, Grant, Abraham, Delaney, Daniel, Adrian, Lucinda and 2 great grandchildren, DaRoyce and Eva.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ivend and Perrine Holen and two brothers, Michael and Carlyle.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring  
600 Red River Ave. So.  
Cold Spring, MN 56320

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Douglas L. Holen Sr..*



August 01, 2023 at 03:32 PM



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“ *Kerry & Adriana lit a candle in memory of Douglas L. Holen Sr.*



**Kerry & Adriana** - August 01, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *KERRY & ADRIANA SMIEJA purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Douglas L. Holen Sr..*



**KERRY & ADRIANA SMIEJA** - August 01, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Douglas L. Holen Sr..*



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July 31, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ *Tracy Krona planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas L. Holen Sr..*

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**Tracy Krona** - July 31, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Tracy Krona purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Douglas L. Holen Sr..*



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**Tracy Krona** - July 31, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Gene And Jane Welle lit a candle in memory of Douglas L. Holen Sr.*



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**gene and jane welle** - July 30, 2023 at 12:12 PM

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“ *prayers for family*

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**BERNIE KAREN KOLTES** - July 29, 2023 at 10:37 AM

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“ *I admired Uncle Doug for his extraordinary connection with nature. Taking a walk with him was inspiring, I could point to any plant and he would tell me everything I could ever imagine about it. He was an amazing teacher with a heart of gold. I only wish I could have spent more time learning from him.*

*Love,  
Amber Holen (Richardson)*

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**Amber Richardson** - July 28, 2023 at 11:48 PM

JC

*As a neighbor and mother of 5 myself I appreciated the wonderful example he set for my children! I won't forget the time he took our oldest kids in a canoe on the Sauk River to over turn it and show them what to do!! He was a true gem in every way. May you rest in peace. My prayers and condolences to all the family especially dear Cathy*

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**Jean Christen** - July 29, 2023 at 03:57 PM