



## Thomas "Blue" Harren

September 23, 1954 - December 21, 2016

Thomas "Blue" Harren passed away peacefully at his home in Cold Spring on December 21, 2016. He was born on September 23, 1954 to Austin ("Doc") and Mary Harren. Blue graduated from high school at ROCORI, and graduated from St. Cloud Technical College with a degree in drafting. He started his career as a draftsman at Brown Boveri, and went on to work for more than 20 years as a draftsman at the Cold Spring Granite Company. Blue and his wife, Deborah Frank, met in 1978, were married August 25, 1979, and had three daughters. He had been a member of the Cold Spring Lions Club and had served on the St. Boniface Home and School Board.

Blue enjoyed ice fishing, listening to his music loud, camping and campfires, sitting in the warm sun, working out, following his active children, welcoming the addition of his grandchildren, and enjoying 3 o'clock on the lake with a beer. After Blue was diagnosed at the young age of 27 with Multiple Sclerosis, he and Deb made the decision that they would live life as if he didn't have the disease for as long as they could, and fought the effects of the disease when the time came.

He is survived by his wife, Deb, and their children Jessica Jacobson (Jason), Jaclyn Wiechmann (Adam), and Hailey Hollenhorst (Bubba); his six grandchildren, his mother, Mary, his siblings, Sheryl Stewart (Frank), Mary Neisen (David), Jean Birk (Mike), Greg (Sue), Joe (Ann), and Karla Odell and

his mother-in-law, Evelyn Frank.

He is preceded in death by his father, Austin (“Doc”), his father-in-law, Jerome Frank, his brothers-in-law, Lee Frank, Dave Engelman, and John Odell, and his sister-in-law Barb Frank.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring, MN for Thomas “Blue” Harren, age 62. Inurnment will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Monday, December 26, 2016 at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring. Visitation will continue from 9:00 – 10:45 a.m., Tuesday morning at the church.

Blue’s family is deeply grateful for all the care, love and support received over the years from St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud Home Healthcare, St. Cloud Medical Group, Cold Spring Assumption Home, Hilltop Nursing Home, Cold Spring Police Department, Cold Spring Rescue, Gold Cross and Stearns County Sherriff’s Department.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Boniface Parish Cemetery

Cold Spring, MN 56320

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Relatives and Friends

DEC **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cold Spring, Wenner Funeral Home  
600 Red River Ave S  
Cold Spring, MN 56320  
(320) 685-7762  
office@wennerfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wennerfuneralhome.com>

## Gathering of Relatives and Friends

DEC **27**. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Church Narthex  
501 Main Street  
Cold Spring, MN 56320

## Service

DEC **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
501 Main Street  
Cold Spring, MN 56320



# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas "Blue" Harren*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *My sympathy and prayers on the loss of your loved one  
I am thinking I graduated from Rocori class of 1971 with Toms older sister Sheryl  
Dianne Schwegel Ledbetter*



**Dianne Schwegel Ledbetter** - December 28, 2016 at 08:48 PM



“ *Condolences are sent to the Harren family on the loss of your son, husband, brother, father and grandfather, Tom. I worked with quite a few of Tom's siblings over the years at Sentinel Printing. Greg, you shared many wonderful memories over the years of your brother and other family memories. Mike and I recall a couple of trips to Cold Spring where your family included many of the Sentinel employees in your family events of which we will not forget. Tom's struggles on earth are now done and he will rest in peace with his dad and other family members I'm sure mean a great deal to many of you. May all the wonderful memories you have with Tom sustain you as you go through this season of light and love.  
Marcia Goss*

**Marcia Goss** - December 27, 2016 at 06:41 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Thomas "Blue" Harren.*



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December 26, 2016 at 10:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Blue" Harren.*



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December 26, 2016 at 07:56 AM



“ *Sincere condolences to Mr. Harren's family. I'm saddened by the loss. May the God who gives peace comfort your hearts. Ps. 46:1*

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**Ruth Davis** - December 26, 2016 at 04:43 AM



“ *Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time and hoping that you find comfort in your memories of happier moments. So sorry for your loss.*

*Jane (Schultz) Nelson*

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**Jane (Schultz) Nelson** - December 23, 2016 at 12:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Blue" Harren.



December 23, 2016 at 09:43 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas "Blue" Harren.



December 22, 2016 at 06:49 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Thomas "Blue" Harren.



December 22, 2016 at 04:35 PM



“ Franks from Chugiak, Roger, Betty, Larson, Spencer purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Thomas "Blue" Harren.



**Franks from Chugiak, Roger, Betty, Larson, Spencer -**  
December 22, 2016 at 01:25 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Blue" Harren.*



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December 22, 2016 at 01:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Blue" Harren.*



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December 22, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ *Dear Deb, Jessie, Jackie, Hailey and loved ones,*

*It was an honor knowing Blue and his mild mannered way about him. He and Debbie were in the same card club group with my hubby and I for over 33 years and they continued to play until recently. Probably the one thing that surprised me the most about Blue was his love for plants and how beautiful they always were when we came to their house to play 500. Thanks for the memories, Blue, and thanks for just being you!!! You may want to bring your special magic with you to take care of the plants up in heaven dear friend!*

*Kit Ferber*

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**Kit Ferber** - December 22, 2016 at 12:22 PM