



## Harold J. Benusa

March 10, 1939 - April 16, 2018

Harold J. Benusa, 79 year old resident of Rice, MN, passed away on Monday, April 16, 2018. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, April 20, 2018 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in St. Stephen, MN with Father Gene Doyle officiating. Visitation will be 2 hours prior to the mass at the church. Arrangements are with Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Harold Joseph Benusa was born on March 10, 1939 in Bowlus, MN to the late Sylvester and Helen (Witucki) Benusa. He graduated from Royalton High School in 1957. He entered service with the US Marine Corp in 1957, serving in San Diego, CA until being honorably discharged in 1959. Harold began his career in design engineering, working in Minneapolis and with DeZurik in Sartell. He eventually went into sales in the trucking industry. Harold was united in marriage to Lois Kliber on April 25, 1964 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN. They settled on a small farm west of Rice, where they raised their 2 children. Besides his outside work, he farmed his fields, raised beef cattle and ran a Golden Plump breeder barn. A "jack of all trades", Harold handled most projects on his own, whatever needed to be done. Harold gained his private pilot's license in the early 1980's and purchased his own plane, which he kept on his farm, taking off and landing on an airstrip there. He enjoyed attending fly-ins into small town festivals. Together, he and Lois attended many auctions and antique stores, looking for "treasures". Other treasured memories include family vacations in a camper,

fishing, and walking his special dogs, Sadie and Mollie. He was always “putzing” around the house, shop, and farm. A stranger to no one, Harold was always interested in other people and their life stories where he was well respected by all who met him.

Harold is survived by his wife, Lois; son, Allen (Wendy) Benusa of Hutchinson, MN; daughter, Julie Benusa (Hus.: Chris Barrigar) of Russellville, MO; granddaughter, Anastasia Benusa; brothers, Dennis (Wife: Gena Marie) Benusa of Simi, CA, Bernie “Pauchi” (David) Harrison of Willmar, MN, Mary Laurence (Hus.: Jeffrey Perchuk) of Charleston, SC and Thomas Benusa of Golden Valley, MN.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvester and Helen Benusa; sister, Carol Frigaard; and parents-in-law, Philip and Alice Kliber.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

1100 13th Ave NE  
Little Falls, MN 56345

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 20. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen Catholic Church  
103 Central Avenue South  
St. Stephen, MN

## Funeral Service

APR 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen Catholic Church  
103 Central Avenue South  
St. Stephen, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold J. Benusa*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - April 18, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ *Harold J. Benusa*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Lois and family  
Our hearts break for you and family on such a precious loss and pray for you all .  
Our deepest sympathy. We all so loved and will miss Harry also.  
Karen and frank fussy*

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**karen welle fussy** - April 19, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. ALWAYS ENJOYED TALKING WITH HARRY. YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY. LARRY AND CONNIE DEVRIENDT.*

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**Larry DeVriendt** - April 19, 2018 at 11:29 AM

ML

“ Our big brother, our John Boy of the clan, words could never describe our deep loss and pain. You were always there for us all these years, in happy times, in sad times - you always had great strength and boundless love. The stars in the sky will shine a little brighter now that you are there. I will miss you every day and every passing year. Til we meet again...



Mary Laurence - April 18, 2018 at 10:56 PM

SK

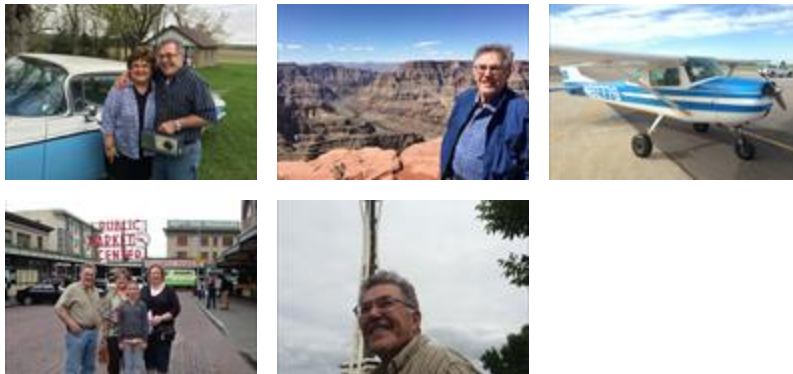
“ Sandy Kliber lit a candle in memory of Harold J. Benusa



Sandy kliber - April 18, 2018 at 09:03 PM

AB

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Allen Benusa - April 18, 2018 at 03:34 PM

DB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Lois, Julie, Allen and your families. Joined by our children's marriage but separated by such a far distance, meeting Harold and Lois was not awkward. . . there were many topics to discuss - both things that we shared and those things that Harold could make so interesting. He will be missed, but we stand ready to uphold the family with our prayers and any assistance we can give. Gid hold you all in His hands.

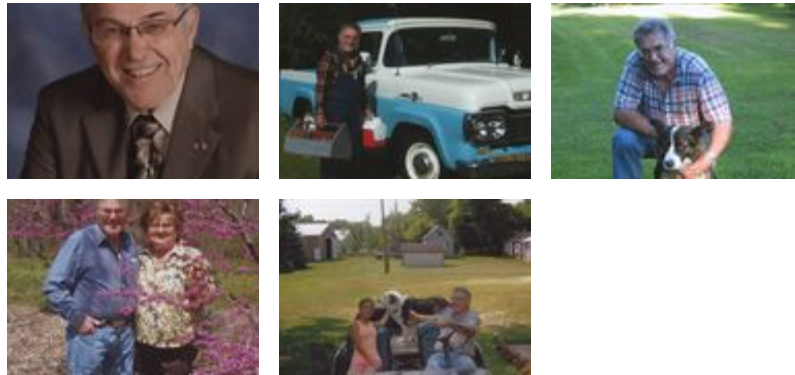
- Deborah Barrigar-Tucker  
Jacksonville, FL

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Deborah Barrigar-Tucker - April 18, 2018 at 01:43 PM



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Lemieur Funeral Homes - April 18, 2018 at 12:48 PM

LK

“ We will truly miss Harry's smile and knowledge about so many things. He was always interested in things, but especially about people. I will not forget his famous saying "I'll (we'll) have to pray about it." In my eyes he was a very faith-filled person. May you rest in peace Harry. Our sympathies to you Lois, Allen, Julie and family. God will get you through this difficult time. We think of you often. - Lora & Bruce K.

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Lora & Bruce K - April 18, 2018 at 11:28 AM

SN

“ *Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Harold J. Benusa*

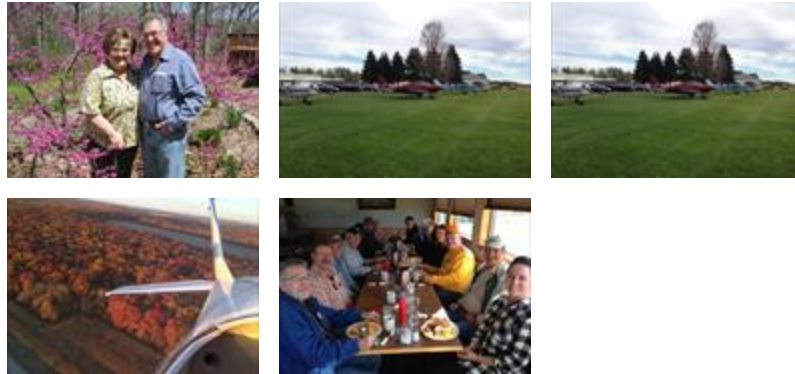


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**Sandy Nelson** - April 18, 2018 at 09:06 AM

JB

“ *9 files added to the album Harold Benusa*



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**Julie Benusa** - April 18, 2018 at 08:55 AM

JB

“ *1 file added to the album Harold Benusa*



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**Julie Benusa** - April 18, 2018 at 08:54 AM

MK

“ So sorry to hear of Harry passing away. What a loss to family and friends. He was one very special guy!!

*Jerry and Marlys*

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**marlys kliber** - April 18, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold J. Benusa.



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April 17, 2018 at 09:00 PM

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“ Thomas O'Neil lit a candle in memory of Harold J. Benusa



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**Thomas O'Neil** - April 17, 2018 at 08:45 PM

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“ Theresa (Otreмба-Popp) Nelson lit a candle in memory of Harold J. Benusa



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**Theresa (Otreмба-Popp) Nelson** - April 17, 2018 at 05:59 PM