



## Melvin Hartman

December 26, 1938 - March 16, 2019

Melvin F. Hartman, age 80 of Andover, passed away March 16, 2019. Preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Anna L. Survived by daughters, Cynthia (Bill) Barnwell and Pam (Ron) Moore; grandchildren, Bill (Jenny) Barnwell III, Adam (Jamie) Barnwell, Jennifer (Marc) Ollg, R.C. Moore III, and Taylor Moore; great-grandchildren, Kayla, Carly, Ella, Celia, and Luciana. Mel had a successful career with Amercian Family Ins. for over 35 years as a District Sales Manager. In 1989 Mel started his second career, and founded non-profit T.L.C. Toys. Over the years T.L.C. Toys made in excess of 437,000 quality wooden toys for less fortunate children. In the fall of 2018, after 29 years, Mel decided it was time to close up shop. Thus ending a legacy that we hope many will remember for years to come. Visitation 4-8 pm Thursday, March 21 at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 AM Friday, March 22, with visitation one hour prior at the Church of the Epiphany, 1900 111th Ave. NW (@Hanson Blvd.). Interment Epiphany Catholic Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 3517 N. 14th St., St. Louis, MO 63109.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)  
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 22. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)  
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Graveside Service

MAR 22. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Epiphany Cemetery  
10955 Hanson Boulevard  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ I'd like to extend my condolences to the family on the loss of a father, my cousin Melvin. I remember him from many years ago when he'd come to our home in Montreal... he was always kibbitzing with my mother, Sally, his aunt, younger sister to Syd.

*Ron Silverman*

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**Ron Silverman** - April 20, 2020 at 08:51 AM

RB

“ Randy & Sonja Barrows purchased the *Delightful Dieffenbachia* for the family of Melvin Hartman.



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**Randy & Sonja Barrows** - March 20, 2019 at 03:03 PM

HG

“ Holly Harlow & Kari Griffin purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Melvin Hartman.



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**Holly Harlow & Kari Griffin** - March 20, 2019 at 02:08 PM

NZ

“ Mel was one of the original SBM Fire Board members when Community Rep Board members were added/ seated in 1992. He served as President when Chief Fagerstom retired and the search resulted in my Candidacy being part of the final three. He later shared his advocacy for my hire and he became a mentor and friend until he moved from Blaine. He was a significant force in my life and made me better as well as the community he lived in. A true servant of the Lord and a giving soul committed to making the world a better place.

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**Nyle Zikmund** - March 19, 2019 at 08:15 PM

PL

“ I met Mel 27 years ago when he was looking for volunteers to help make a couple truckloads of toys for needy children. None of us envisioned at that time how his "Labor of Love" would grow into TLC Toys and bring smiles to tens of thousands of children at Christmas for nearly three decades. Often, that TLC car, truck or doll would be a needy child's only Christmas present.

"Uncle Mel," as my daughters called him in their early years, often told me that every Christmas morning he felt 9 feet tall thinking of the joy he and his fellow toymakers brought to needy children. What an honor it was to know and work with such a humble, dedicated man.

If heaven has a workshop, you can bet Mel is putting all the angels to work as we speak.

Godspeed, my friend. May you enjoy your eternal reward.

*Paul, Corie, Susie and Robin Lindemann*

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**Paul Lindemann** - March 19, 2019 at 06:47 PM

RF

“ *RMS Kitchen Staff friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Melvin Hartman.*



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**RMS Kitchen Staff friends** - March 19, 2019 at 02:59 PM