



Wayne Harlem Holst

October 2, 1941 - May 13, 2024

Wayne H. Holst, age 82, passed away suddenly in Eagan, MN, on May 13th, 2024, after a seemingly normal day that included breakfast with friends and an encounter with a sales associate he aptly described as a "veritable nitwit".

Wayne was preceded in death by his mother, Cecel (Nelson) Holst, his father, Harlem Henry Holst, his wife of 52 years, Nancy (Browne) Holst, and his grandson, Greyson Ross.

Wayne was born in Red Wing, Minnesota on October 2nd, 1941. He graduated from Red Wing High School in 1959 and later received his bachelor's degree from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1963. That same year he married his first wife and welcomed his first child, Scott Holst. That marriage ended in 1969, but Wayne met the love of his life and best friend, Nancy (Browne) Holst, in Alpena, Michigan on St. Patrick's Day of 1970 and married her later that same year on October 17th.

Wayne worked as an insurance adjuster and relocated to New Jersey in 1973. They later bought a home in Stanhope, New Jersey and welcomed a daughter, Heidi (Holst) Ross, in 1978. Wayne and his family returned to Minnesota in 1980. Wayne subsequently transitioned to furniture sales and worked at Dayton's/Marshall Field's and later Gabbert's.

Wayne was a man of simple pleasures and had a fun-loving personality. He loved westerns, 60s music, Motown and Frank Sinatra. He enjoyed sweets and was a connoisseur of ice cream and cookies. Wayne told a great story and the occasional Sven and Ole joke. He loved kids and they in turn enjoyed his playful, silly nature.

Wayne began dialysis in 2020, but made the most of it by spending most of his time there reading his favorite James Patterson and Michael Connelly books on his Kindle.

Wayne lost his beloved Nancy in 2022. Soon after, he moved to the Lexington Pointe Senior Living Facility. He quickly made new friends, and enjoyed having coffee and a donut with the boys, also known as 'the Romeo's.' Wayne was a lifelong Vikings fan- despite them never winning a Super Bowl for him. He spent many a Game Day watching the Vikings with the ladies at Lexington.

Despite his physical challenges, Wayne lived a fulfilling life. He valued his family, his friends, and spending time with his newest best friend, his grandson Sullivan Ross.

His humor, wit, and kindness will be missed by all.

Funeral Services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 320 West Avenue, Red Wing, MN on Thursday, May 23rd at 11:00 am. Visitation one hour prior. Internment at Oakwood Cemetery in Red Wing.

Washburn McReavy

Eden Prairie 952-975-0400

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Red Wing)
320 West Avenue
Red Wing, MN 55066

Memorial Service

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I WORKED WITH WAYNE AT CRAWFORD AND COMPANY IN CLIFTON, NJ. HE WAS ONE FUNNY GUY! HE USED TO WALK DOWN THE STAIRS TO WHERE WE ATE LUNCH AND PRETEND HE WAS FALLING DOWN THE STAIRS WITHOUT ACTUALLY FALLING. JUST A NICE, NICE GUY. SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT HIS PASSING.

CYNTHIA KESTER - August 13, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Wayne Harlem Holst.



May 22, 2024 at 03:40 PM

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“ Experian Automotive purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Wayne Harlem Holst.



Experian Automotive - May 20, 2024 at 01:11 AM

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“ Experian Automotive planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Harlem Holst.

Experian Automotive - May 20, 2024 at 01:11 AM

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“ Lina W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Harlem Holst.

Lina W. - May 19, 2024 at 07:23 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wayne Harlem Holst.



May 18, 2024 at 11:18 AM

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“ Love, Patty Greene & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Harlem Holst.

Love, Patty Greene & Family - May 18, 2024 at 11:18 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Wayne Harlem Holst.



May 17, 2024 at 10:21 PM

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“ Earleen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Harlem Holst.

Earleen - May 17, 2024 at 10:21 PM