



## Thomas Lee Harrie

October 19, 1951 - November 15, 2022

Thomas L. “Tom” Harrie was born October 19, 1951 in Fremont, Nebraska to Irvin and Ruth (Dunklau) Harrie. Tom grew up in the Millard area, and attended Millard schools, graduating from Millard High School in 1970. He went on to attend the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, and Concordia College, earning his Bachelor’s degree. Growing up, Tom stayed active playing sports and was a fan of local stock car racing.

Tom married Marilee Higginbotham on April 16, 1983 in Omaha, Nebraska, and to this union, two sons were born; Jacob and Joseph “Joey”. Tom was also like a dad to Marilee’s daughter, Shannon. They made their home in Omaha. Tom then moved to Waterloo, Nebraska after he and Marilee divorced in June 1994. The two remained friends.

Tom worked at Boystown, then worked for many years at 3M in Valley, Nebraska, where he was involved with the 3M Club.

Tom was a kind, cheerful, adventurous man, who was a loyal friend, and always had a smile on his face and seemed happy. He was very outgoing, and loved to meet new people and share conversations with them. He loved NASCAR and local stock car racing, all Nebraska sports, and especially rides on his motorcycle. He was known for his greeting of “Howdy, howdy, howdy. How it going?” Tom never turned down a dinner at El Bee’s and enjoyed a cold Miller Lite, or some wings. He could talk to anyone, and enjoyed learning and sharing the history of Nebraska. He will be remembered for his friendly, outgoing nature, and above all, he cherished his two sons.

Tom passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at the age of 71 years, 27 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Irvin and Ruth Harrie, sister Carol Reddick, and the mother of his children, Marilee Higginbotham. Tom is survived by his two sons Jacob of Lafayette, CO, and Joseph of Omaha, and his brother and sister-in-law David and Lesa Harrie of Elkhorn

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery

Arlington, NE 68002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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*A lunch reception will follow the service*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Lee Harrie*



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**Reichmuth Funeral Home** - December 03, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Thomas Lee Harrie*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Tom and I would always exchange texts or call when we heard the song “Layla”. That song would come on when we were playing FoosBall (champs) at The Zoo in Lincoln. He called me in September to laugh about it and lament the Huskers. I have known Tom for 52 years and we met the first time at a Beta Sigma Psi rush party in Colorado. He bet me \$100 after a Huskers loss to the Sooners (again!) that he would never go to or watch that game again and would go hunting. He lost the bet of course and every time they played I always called him to see if he was hunting? So many good times! Will always love you and will miss you dearly.*

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**Randy Kluender** - December 02, 2022 at 07:47 PM

DK

“ *Dr. Randy and Carol Kluender purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Thomas Lee Harrie.*



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**Dr. Randy and Carol Kluender** - December 02, 2022 at 07:24 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Harrie.*



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December 01, 2022 at 04:41 PM

CV

“ *Cody & Jodi Huff Dennis & Marla Vannoy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Thomas Lee Harrie.*



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**Cody & Jodi Huff Dennis & Marla Vannoy** - December 01, 2022 at 07:40 AM

  
Jerome  
Fritz

“ *I was a frat brother of his....I have great memories of Tommy ....so sorry for your loss*

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**Jerome Fritz** - November 30, 2022 at 05:20 PM

BG

“ *Worked with Tom at 3M. He was always friendly to everyone, a wonderful human being. RIP, Tom!*

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**Brenda Grimes** - November 29, 2022 at 07:44 PM

PH

“ *Tom was a reliable hard-working 3Mer, ever-cheerful. In my memories of Tom, he consistently had a great attitude, always looked to help improve a situation, and had smiles for all. It was an honor to know and work with him.*  
*Paul Harp*

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**Paul Harp** - November 28, 2022 at 06:00 PM

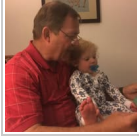


“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Harrie.*



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November 27, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ Tom was my first college roommate, my buddy and best man at my wedding. No one should reasonably hope for a better and more faithful friend. Life took us apart from each other for many decades until we reconnected a few years ago. I know he was proud of his kids. He had his health issues but survived them because of who he was. Despite the closeness of our relationship, I never met his parents or any family members. I am pleased to see here on this forum that he touched so many hearts like he did mine. I am ashamed I lost contact with him. Friends like him are precious.  
Don “Doc” Darst  
Beta Sig

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**Donald Darst** - November 22, 2022 at 05:49 PM

TG

“ Condolences to the family of Tom. Tom was a great guy. Always a smile and made you feel you were important. Tom and I enjoyed stock car racing, and had many memories outside of work. Tom touched many lives during his time at 3M, and everywhere. Tom will be missed by many. Bottom line, Tom was one of the great ones. We will miss you Tom.

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**Thomas Grimm** - November 19, 2022 at 01:32 PM

SJ

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a great colleague. Always appreciated his support. My sincerest sympathies to his family. Steven Jeschke

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**Steven Jeschke** - November 18, 2022 at 08:29 PM

BC

“ To Tom's family I'm sorry for your loss. Tom was a longtime friend who I and many, many others will miss. He was always there to help anybody. Tom and his skill of organization to do fun things was felt by many 3M employees. I will miss you Tom, Bill.

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**Bill Coday** - November 18, 2022 at 04:41 PM

CB

“ Tom was a great guy. Always positive. Quick to smile. Couldn't talk without using his arms. Many great memories working with Tom at 3M. Tom will be missed. My sympathy to Dave and Lisa and Tom's entire family. Cal Bull

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**Cal Bull** - November 18, 2022 at 02:30 PM

TC

“ My condolences to Tom's family. It was my pleasure to be coworkers with Tom, and the good times away from work I will always remember.

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**Terry Crink** - November 18, 2022 at 01:07 PM

TN

“ Tom was a great guy. We worked together for 15 years. He was difently one of a kind. Condolences to his family at this time

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**Todd Neitzel** - November 17, 2022 at 05:17 PM

SM

“ I can't imagine him not being in my life. I was 5 when he came into my life. So many softball games, Christmas parties, helping him be Santa at 3M... this is a huge hole in my heart.  
I love you Tom ~ shelley

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**Shelley Kempenar Martis** - November 17, 2022 at 03:18 PM

GM

“ I was very saddened to hear of Tom's passing. He was such a genuine, loving man with high integrity. I had the pleasure of working with Tom for many years, and going to Husker football games, 4th of July parties, and many other events. I have great respect for Tom, as he always treated me and others with respect. Heaven gained a good one. I miss him already.

*George Musselman*

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**George R Musselman** - November 17, 2022 at 10:39 AM

RB

*Tom was an awesome neighbor and always fun to be around... From riding motorcycles, having a barbecue, attending his 4th of July parties, and just hanging out in the driveway, Tom was always a good friend and neighbor... You will be missed... Rich Berggren*

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**Rich Berggren** - November 17, 2022 at 08:51 PM

DP

“ Tom was one of the nicest persons I ever met. I have many fond memories of Tom. Both at 3M and outside of 3M. May his soul Rest In Peace and may God have mercy on him. "Born in the USA"

*Duane Pabian*

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**Duane F. Pabian** - November 17, 2022 at 08:52 AM