



## Francis "Fran" Harden

February 1, 1934 - October 2, 2015

Harden, Fran, October 2, 2015, age 81 of Wayne. Loving husband of the late Judith who preceded him in death in 2002. Faithful fiancé to Carol. Dear father of Vicky Emerson, Mark (Vickie) Harden, Mike (Shirley) Harden, the late Matthew Harden and Tracy "Susie" Harden. Proud grandfather of Jamie, Nick, Christine, Eric, Jenny, Tommy, Jason and Cory and great grandfather of J.J., Cody, Caeley, Dylan, Lilly, Evelyn, Michael, Casiana, Aubry and Austin. Caring brother of Darlene Willis, the late Floyd Harden, Marguerite and brother Don. Also surviving Fran's extended family Charlie (Yvonne) Barenscheer, Janice (Jeff) Redden, Elliah Redden, Gavin Redden, Sherry (Glen) Miller, James, Aaron, Caleb, Kendra, Tommy, Mylo, Noah, Paige, Drake and Brittney. US Air Force veteran. Hobbies and passions were avid race car driver and an outstanding mechanic. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 33 years. Former owner of Fran Motorcycle Service in Wayne. Visitation Wednesday 1-9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road & Chery Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Thursday 9:30 AM at the funeral home. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to Penrickton Center of Blind Children, 26530 Eureka Road, Taylor, MI 48180-9972. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 326-1300  
[westland@vermeulenfh.com](mailto:westland@vermeulenfh.com)

## Funeral Service

OCT 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Francis "Fran" Harden

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Francis "Fran" Harden.



October 07, 2015 at 08:58 AM



“ You are going to be missed by a whole bunch of people...I'm glad you were a part of our family... You were there for many to share in the laughter or to lend a shoulder to cry on... Now you can ride on....instead of building "The Crapper's" you can work on something with wings... you've earned them... love ya, your little Pollock...

Jewel O'Kopski - October 06, 2015 at 04:17 PM



“ I met Fran back in the 60's when he was one of the top dog's at Flat Rock Speedway along with Joy Fair. Myself and a friend of mine would hang around it the pit area with Fran. Then about 15+ years ago I ran in to him at GJ's diner on Ford RD. and have been meeting with him and his friend's every Saturday morning and sometime's during the week for coffee. He was truly a great man that I called friend. Rest in peace old friend.....

Michael Wright - October 06, 2015 at 12:34 PM

BH

“ Betty Hindmon lit a candle in memory of Francis "Fran" Harden



Betty Hindmon - October 05, 2015 at 09:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Francis "Fran" Harden.



October 05, 2015 at 12:02 AM

JL

“ Jerry Lincoln lit a candle in memory of Francis "Fran" Harden



jerry lincoln - October 04, 2015 at 10:47 PM

JL

“ Jerry Lincoln sent a virtual gift in memory of Francis "Fran" Harden



jerry lincoln - October 04, 2015 at 10:46 PM



“ *R.I.P. Fran no one had more influence in my life than this man, I so admired him and looked up to him. he gave us stupid teenagers a chance to make something of ourselves by teaching us auto mechanics in his own way,  
I owe a lot to this man for the man I grew up to be, i will miss him bad...Mike Olson*

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**Mike Olson** - October 04, 2015 at 09:58 AM

JL

*I will sure miss him as I do matt so much I thank of matt all the time  
jerry lincoln*

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**jerry lincoln** - October 04, 2015 at 10:10 PM

CH

*R.I.P. Fran. Your suffering here is done. You will be missed, your now with Judy, Matt & Jamie. I was proud & honored to know all of you. My boy's will always remember you as Peepaw. I'll never forget how you opened up your home for my Mom's wake & how you went & got me a bike. I'm so glad I seen you last Saturday.... God Bless the Harden family as they go through this time of sorrow ❤️*

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**cindy Hedger** - October 05, 2015 at 11:01 AM

BL

“ *Rest in peace, Frantic Fran.....*

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**Bill Lackey** - October 03, 2015 at 09:13 PM

DS

*R I P Fran. Praying For Four Family.*

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**DOUGLAS SPODECK** - October 03, 2015 at 09:53 PM

CB

*rip. fran love n miss you I m glad I got to see u 2 times a couple weeks ago*

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**christine battersby** - October 04, 2015 at 03:44 AM

DC

*Such a great man, you will truly be missed*

**Debi Cummings** - October 04, 2015 at 07:16 PM

LH

*rip To Frans family I was honored tp be friend of your dad we talk often he also help me in my business Lorne & Carol Haase*

**Lorne Haase** - October 05, 2015 at 05:59 PM

BH

*Glad we got to know you the past few years. you are truly missed by all. Everett and Betty*

**Betty Hindmon** - October 05, 2015 at 09:57 PM

PG

*Rest in peace old friend*

**Peter gruich** - October 06, 2015 at 10:39 PM