



Adele S. Mulder

December 22, 1934 - September 21, 2025

A beautiful and faithful witness of the goodness of God, Adele Mulder finished her journey on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at the age of 90. Adele was a long-time resident of Holland, Michigan and was known as a bright smile in a group, energetic, a sharp dresser, an encourager, and bold in sharing her faith in Jesus Christ.

Originally from Nordhorn, Grafschaft Bentheim, Germany, Adele, along with her parents and her younger brother Henry, traveled across the Atlantic on the S.S. Italia in January 1954. Adele was 19. Henry was 9. With the help of relatives and a sponsor in Holland, Michigan, the family found work. Adele began sewing shoes in the factory and as her English skills improved, she was able to secure a sales position at S.S. Kresge on 8th Street. From there she found a clerical position at Baker Furniture on 24th Street and eventually moved on to do clerical work in the Holland Police Department. When the State of Michigan decided to open an office in Holland, she became one of their first employees. Friendly and patient with customers, she was always a favorite at the DMV and could speak three languages. In her retirement she participated as an election poll worker.

Adele enjoyed a variety of sports activities over the years, including swimming, bowling, golf, pickleball, and water aerobics. She was very social and enjoyed gathering with friends for Bible studies, table games, or coffee and dessert. Her favorite day of the week was Sunday because she loved worshipping God and fellowshiping with other believers. She attended

Central Wesleyan Church and had fun singing in the choir and being a greeter in her retirement.

Adele will be greatly missed by her two daughters and their husbands, Debby and Jim Nyhof and Brenda and Norm Bell, by her brother and his wife Henry and Debbie Holthuis, as well as her 7 grandchildren, Bryan (Brandi) Nyhof, Rob (Jen) Nyhof, Danae (Elliot) Trunnell, Stephan (Elizabeth) Bell, Steph (Tyler) Hannah, Philip (Ashley) Bell, and Juli (Mike) DeKuiper, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Adele was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Gunter Mulder, their little son, Bryan Mulder, her mother and father, Fenna (Handlöchten) and Hindrik Holthuis, brothers Friedrich and Heinie Holthuis, and sisters, Minnie Quakkelaar and Jeanette Olbrich.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 27, 2025, in the chapel at Central Wesleyan Church, 446 West 40th St. Holland. (please use entrances G and D). Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. A time of fellowship and visiting will follow the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Holland.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central Wesleyan Church
446 West 40th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ From Karen: I always loved seeing Adele when she came in for appointments. She was such a sweet and caring lady bringing a ray of sunshine wherever she went! Thinking of the family during this difficult time!

Karen Gamby - October 01, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Adele S. Mulder.

September 26, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Adele S. Mulder.



September 26, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Sending our condolences in Adele's passing on to Glory. She was such a light; she will be missed by so many and surely her family. When we were new to choir at Central, she was one of the first to greet us and be sure to connect on Sunday morning. She always had something to praise God for during our prayer time. I loved giving her a ride occasionally to an activity at Central because that 1:1 time was precious. I'm looking forward to joining the heavenly choir with her some day. Deb and Tim Creswell

Deb Creswell - September 25, 2025 at 01:11 PM

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“ Love, Kevin and Sherry Harney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adele S. Mulder.

Love, Kevin and Sherry Harney - September 23, 2025 at 10:13 AM

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“ Love, Kevin and Sherry Harney purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Adele S. Mulder.



Love, Kevin and Sherry Harney - September 23, 2025 at 10:13 AM

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“ Ingrid T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adele S. Mulder.

Ingrid T. - September 22, 2025 at 08:43 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to Adele's loving family.

~Paula Fabiano

Paula Fabiano - September 22, 2025 at 06:35 PM