



## Alden Barkel

February 16, 1928 - May 6, 2023

Alden Barkel, 95, of Holland, passed away Saturday, May 6, 2023.

He was born in Overisel on February 16, 1928, to Silas and Sadie Barkel. Hester and Alden raised their children on the family farm in Overisel.

Alden was a loving husband, father, and treasured spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He enjoyed traveling with his wife Hester, visiting all 50 states. Alden worked on his farm in Overisel and drove truck for many years, retiring from Holland Motor Express. He was a long-time member of Overisel Reformed Church where he served as a deacon and elder and helped with the building of the new church.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years Hester, his daughter Connie Kleinheksel, his siblings: Elgene Vanden Brink, Elmer Barkel and Norman Barkel.

Surviving Alden are his daughters: Kristi and Bryan Sale, Lu Ann and Jerry Broekhuis, his son-in-law Randy Kleinheksel, his Brazilian exchange student Monica Barbosa, grandchildren: Nicole (Kyle) Brink, Robb (Krista) Kleinheksel, Brooke (Jon) Ludema, Darci (Kyle) Vander Slik, Todd (Katelyn) Broekhuis, Chad (Kelly) Broekhuis, Joni (Ben) Van Maastricht; 15 great-grandchildren; brother Vern and Joyce Barkel; his brother-in-law Allen

Klingenberg, sister-in-law Myke Barkel, and many extended family.

Alden's family would like to thank the staff at Vista Springs and Hospice of Holland for the loving care given to him.

Visitation will be 6-8 Thursday, May 11, 2023, at Overisel Reformed Church, 4706 142nd Street, Holland. The funeral service will be 11 am Friday, May 12, 2023, also at Overisel Reformed Church. Interment will be in Overisel Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Overisel Reformed Church. [www.yntemafh.com](http://www.yntemafh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Overisel Reformed Church  
4706 142nd Ave.,  
Holland , MI 49423  
<http://www.orcministries.org/>

## Funeral Service

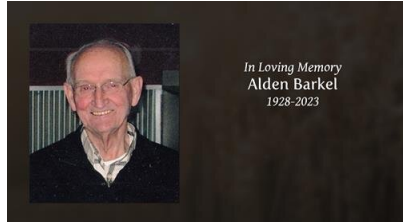
MAY 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Alden Barkel*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - May 11, 2023 at 02:18 PM

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“ *Alden would come into my work, and was always smiling. We knew him by name and he always got such a kick out of the fact we knew his name. He was always so sweet and patient. All of my coworkers know that he was my favorite customer. I'm so sorry to your family for your loss. From the 1% I knew of him, I can tell he was a bright light in this world. I pray God brings you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Anonymous** - May 13, 2023 at 12:00 PM

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“ *Alden, along with my dad Clinton Nyhuis, and my cousin Max Capel spent many Friday mornings golfing at a variety of golf courses. None of us were very good and we spent most of our time laughing. We always stopped on our way home and had lunch and enjoyed listening to Alden's many stories. He was a great mentor and a good friend.*  
*Ward Nyhuis*

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**Ward Nyhuis** - May 08, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alden Barkel.*



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May 07, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *We are so very grateful for our friendship with Alden and his family. He was not just a neighbor, he was a wonderful friend, an encourager, a mentor and a fabulous story teller. He will be dearly remembered and deeply missed. Our sincere condolences to Alden's entire loving family. Peace be with you~  
Paula Fabiano and Dale Brown*

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**Paula Fabiano** - May 07, 2023 at 03:51 PM