



Benjamin Ernest Van Dis

April 18, 1937 - May 29, 2025

Benjamin E. Van Dis, age 88, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, May 29, 2025.

Ben was born and raised in East Saugatuck and attended Elmwood School through 8th grade. He then attended Holland Christian High School and received his GED while serving in the Army.

Ben served in the U.S. Army from 1956 - 1958. He then married the love of his life, Loie, in December after the Army assignment.

Ben was a gifted builder and hard worker. He was employed by local builders for years until he began his own building business with his friend Bill Kolean. He finished his career and working years as co-owner of DeWaard Interiors. He enjoyed teaching youth group students and his grandchildren how to make ink pens on his lathe. He was very involved in building projects big and small at Central Wesleyan Church (CWC) where he was a member.

Ben was involved in various committees and boards over the years in the community and at each church he had attended throughout his life. He will be remembered most for his heart of prayer & his love for missions. Ben served as Prayer Coordinator for years at CWC. He faithfully made weekly phone calls (no computer) to remind team members when it was their turn to pray on

Sunday. Another favorite activity was riding around the ring road at church and praying for all of the pastors, staff, and missionaries. Missions were very important to Ben. He was part of several mission trips serving in places like Barbados and St. Croix.

Ben loved to watch his kids and grandkids play sports, attend band concerts or other activities. His bright smile, sparkly eyes, and friendly whistle will surely be missed. He and his dear wife leave a beautiful legacy for the family to continue to seek and serve others in Jesus' name.

Ben was preceded in death by two children, Douglas Van Dis and Jeanne Van Dis; parents, Benjamin and Irene Van Dis; in-laws, Louis and Alma DeWaard; and sisters-in-law, Karyl Van Dis and Elaine Van Dam.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Loie Van Dis; children, Laura & Mark Ebbers, Steve & Nancy Van Dis; grandchildren: Joel & Kara Ebbers, Anna & Matt Beck, Leah & Josh Mugford, Steven Guy Van Dis, Wilson Van Dis; 8 great grandchildren: Braeden & Emma Ebbers, Cora, Oliver & Bella Beck, Laura, Andrew & Ben Mugford; siblings, Bertus Van Dis, Pauline & Daryl Wabeke, Jim & Gloria DeWaard, Jack DeWaard; and several nieces, nephews & cousins.

Visitation will be from 11:00-11:45 am on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at Central Wesleyan Chapel - Entrance D or G (446 West 40th St. Holland, MI 49423).

Funeral service to start at Noon that same day in the Chapel also at Central Wesleyan.

Burial to take place in Pilgrim Home Cemetery.

Ben's family wishes to thank the team at Hospice of Holland and the Memory Care staff at Quincy Place for their excellent and loving care of Ben.

Memorial contributions in Ben's honor may be given to Central Wesleyan Church Missions.

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Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



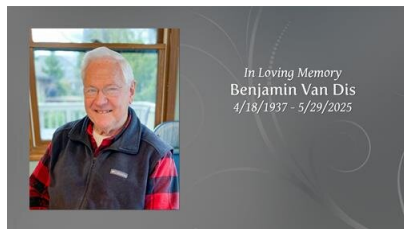
“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Watch Funeral Service in memory of Benjamin Ernest Van Dis*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - June 03, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Benjamin Ernest Van Dis*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - June 02, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ *Elaine B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin Ernest Van Dis.*

Elaine B. - June 02, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin Ernest Van Dis.*

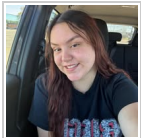


June 02, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Benjamin Ernest Van Dis.

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“ *I had the pleasure of getting to know Ben during my time at Quincy Place, and he quickly became someone I looked forward to seeing every day. He never missed a chance to say “Good morning” and always made sure to let us in memory care know how much he appreciated us. Even on days when he wasn’t feeling his best, Ben’s kindness never wavered.*

He had a way of making people smile — whether it was by teasing me when I looked tired and saying, “Sit down and take a break girl,” or laughing with me when we joked that I was “hiding out” in his room. Those lighthearted moments meant so much, and they’re memories I’ll always hold close.

I can still hear him talking about his coffee — “double double,” just the way he liked it. Ben had a special warmth about him, and he made a lasting impression on everyone who cared for him.

My heartfelt condolences go out to his family. He will be truly missed.

Liz Garcia - May 30, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JR

I first met Ben & Loie, when their daughter Jeannie was at Resthaven Care Center. I loved his smile, twinkke in his eyes, and quiet manner. With sympathy, Julie Ras

Julie Ras - June 01, 2025 at 03:18 PM

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My sympathies go out to Loie a dear, sweet, giving person and his family. Julie Ras

Julie Ras - June 01, 2025 at 03:20 PM

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“ *Such fond memories of Ben:) Ben (DeWaard Carpet and Draperies) sponsored our women’s softball team at Central Wesleyan 35 years ago. That’s when I first met Ben. I saw Ben frequently at church over the years since, always smiling, with a quick, wam. “Hello”. Soon after moving my mom into Quincy Place Memory Care, Ben, and his twin brother, Bert, arrived as residents. For the past 18 months it’s been a blessing seeing his smiling face and sweet demeanor when I’d visit my mom who passed in March. I imagine they’re chatting now about the old days in Holland and all the shared acquaintances they knew:)*

Diane Suits - May 30, 2025 at 01:43 PM