



## Brian Dykstra

June 16, 1965 - May 9, 2025

Brian's service will be live streamed and can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchZeeland>

Brian Dykstra, age 59, of Zeeland, passed away unexpectedly and entered into God's glory on Friday, May 9, 2025.

He is survived by his children and grandchildren: Brandon and Carley Dykstra (with Eden and a second grandchild on the way), and Brittany Dykstra and her fiancé Jonathan Tonks; his mother, Connie Dykstra; his siblings and their families: Michelle and Tom Grabill (Molly Grabill, Camden and Ayo Grabill, Mallory Grabill), and Rusty and Lori Dykstra (Ephraim and Isaac); his former wife Kim and Paul Scholten; his in-laws Frank and Sally Visser; and his sisters- and brothers-in-law: Michelle and Kurt Dykema (Zach Dykema, Abby and Simon Bokma, Kaylee Dykema) and Todd and Kristi Visser (Hanna Visser, Gabby Visser and her fiancé Logan Hausler, Jacob Visser, and Josie Visser).

Brian was preceded in death by his father, Garry Dykstra, in 2005.

Brian graduated from Zeeland High School and began his career at Prince Corporation before going on to become a brilliant self-made engineer and launch his own business, Solution Tool. He was deeply involved in his

community, serving on the boards of Zeeland BPW and Holiday Haven on the north shore of Lake Macatawa, where he cherished summer days with family and friends.

Brian's life was marked by kindness, integrity, and selflessness. He lived fully and faithfully, centering his life around faith, family, adventure, and hard work. Overflowing with the love of Jesus, Brian bore the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)—and shared them freely with all who knew him. His legacy is one of humility, generosity, and deep, unwavering care for others.

The visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 14, from 2–4 p.m. and 6–8 p.m. in the Family Life Center at First Reformed Church, 125 East Lincoln, Zeeland. A Celebration of Life service will take place on Thursday, May 15, at 4 p.m. in First Reformed Church's sanctuary, followed by a time of fellowship and light refreshments. To honor Brian, please wear yellow or other bright colors, as yellow was his favorite.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to CranHill Ranch, a Christian camp and retreat center, or CHAMP, an organization providing respite care and support to families facing childhood cancer.

Brian will be deeply missed and forever remembered for the love he gave and the life he lived.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

First Reformed Church of Zeeland  
125 E. Lincoln Ave.  
Zeeland , MI 49464

## Visitation

MAY 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

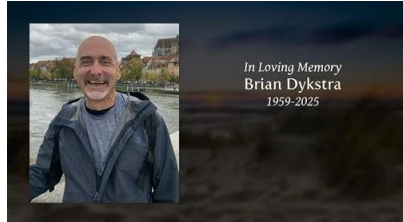
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian Dykstra*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - May 14, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *Angel Dicken lit a candle in memory of Brian Dykstra*



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**Angel Dicken** - May 14, 2025 at 07:12 AM

JW

“ I was blessed to have the opportunity to know Brian. My husband Jon and Brian were friends since Jon’s teen years, and were usually up to something “techy” when they were together! After we changed churches we no longer saw Brian on a weekly basis, but would run into him all the time around town or on weekend walks at the beach with our boys! Getting to know Brian, I seen just what it was like to be “Jesus with skin on”. He was a humble guy, talked with anyone, always had a smile (and humor), and loved his family!

*Dykstra family, we are lifting you in our prayers. Praying and trusting God will provide you with peace and comfort in the days and “firsts” that are ahead. We love you all, and will miss our friend.*

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**Jon and Lisa Walters** - May 13, 2025 at 11:23 AM

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“ In the last few months I was blessed to get to know Brian. His warm heart and his deep love for his children and entire family was so evident from all of the stories he shared. His children and grandbaby were is world! I will miss him and his sense of humor and his kind heart. He was truly one of the good ones and I know he is adventuring with the King.

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**Amy Dehaan** - May 12, 2025 at 08:47 PM



*I had the privilege of exchanging text messages with Brian just a few days before his passing, seeking his advice on how best to list something for sale. True to form, Brian didn't just offer helpful advice—he turned it into a moment of humor, something he had a gift for. We ended up laughing over the cost of weddings, and through the words on our phone, we could almost see that familiar, laughing grin of his shining through. He mentioned how excited he was for his daughter Brittany's wedding, which was just a couple of weeks away. You could feel the pride and happiness in his words.*

*Brian was more than just a neighbor at Holiday Haven—he was part of what made the community feel like home. It was always a pleasure to run into him in the park and catch up on life. We shared similar interests in engineering and manufacturing, and he and Brittany were always quick to offer a helping hand—especially when it came time to launch the Jet Skis.*

*Even in those brief encounters, it was easy to see that Brian was a wonderful Christian man, the kind of person who would do anything for anyone. His kindness, generosity, and warm spirit left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with Brittany, the Dykstra family, and all who are mourning this loss. May God bring peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

*Jim and Marla*

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**Jim-and Bailey** - May 12, 2025 at 09:40 PM

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*I didn't know Brian as an adult but remember him as a little boy at First Reformed Church. He had big brown eyes that were full of mischief. I remember he had a lot of friends at church that he would monkey around with following the services. Garry and Connie provided him with a strong foundation for life and eternity. I am sorry to hear of his passing. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

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**Thomas Folkert** - May 13, 2025 at 09:47 AM