

Bruce Eldon Homkes

July 8, 1940 - June 13, 2025

Bruce Eldon Homkes, age 84, of Overisel, passed away Friday, June 13, 2025. He is now at peace, in the loving arms of his Lord and Savior.

Born July 8th, 1940 to Russell & Lois Homkes, he developed a strong work ethic and love for farming at a young age, growing up on the southside of Holland. In 1969, he bought a farm in South Overisel with his family to pursue his passion. After many years in a tractor seat, he moved to a semi-truck seat to deliver feed for a local farm. With health issues came another seat, and that was in his pickup, going for coffee and visiting with friends.

Bruce served for over 30 years as a volunteer firefighter for Overisel Township and worked at the township transfer station up until 2023. He was a man of many words and always loved to sit and talk. He will be missed by many.

Bruce is survived by his wife of 42 years, Janice; his children: Kurt Homkes of Hamilton, Julie & Greg Engelsman of Overisel, Brooke & Shawn Anderson, and Erika Homkes of Holland; grandchildren: Kurtis (Alyssa) Homkes, Cody Engelsman, Olivia (Cameron Kennedy) Engelsman, Eric (Megan) Mathews, Jeremy Mathews, Shaylen, Ethan, Westin, and Gideon Anderson; great-grandchildren Jagger and Presley Homkes, and Wren Engelsman; brothers: Larry (Carol) Homkes of Hamilton, and Rick (Darlene) Homkes of Russiaville, IN; sister, Karen (Merle) VanderSluis of Holland; sisters-in-law: Mary Alice

(Ron) Homkes-Dean of Ionia and Mira Klaver of Zeeland; many nephews, nieces, extended family, and friends that he thought of as family.

He is preceded in death by his son, Jeffery Homkes, as well as his parents, Russell & Lois, brother Forrest Homkes, and sister & brother-in-law Marilee & Paul Vroon.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Overisel Reformed Church (West Campus) 4724 142nd Ave, Holland, MI 49423. Visitation will be at church beginning at 9:30 AM on Saturday prior to the funeral service. Burial will be in Overisel Cemetery.

The Homkes Family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Cortland of Holland & Hospice of Holland for their care and support in Bruce's final days.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Hospice of Holland.

Cemetery Details

Overisel Cemetery

4630 143rd Avenue
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Overisel Reformed Church-West Campus
4724 142nd Ave.,
Holland , MI 49423

Funeral Service

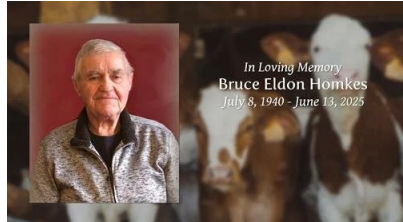
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Tribute Wall



“ Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bruce Eldon Homkes



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - June 24, 2025 at 04:13 PM

JH

“ Jason Hammock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Eldon Homkes.

Jason Hammock - June 20, 2025 at 12:05 PM

JH

“ Jason Hammock purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce Eldon Homkes.



Jason Hammock - June 20, 2025 at 12:05 PM

CL

“ Cam & liv purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Bruce Eldon Homkes.



Cam & liv - June 19, 2025 at 07:36 PM

TD

“ *The Dubuisson’s purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce Eldon Homkes.*



The Dubuisson’s - June 19, 2025 at 01:19 PM

FK

“ *From Bill and Missy Harvey and kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce Eldon Homkes.*



From Bill and Missy Harvey and kids - June 19, 2025 at 09:30 AM

EK

“ *Eric & Jodi Hassevoort and Kid’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Eldon Homkes.*

Eric & Jodi Hassevoort and Kid’s - June 19, 2025 at 07:27 AM

EK

“ *Eric & Jodi Hassevoort and Kid’s purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bruce Eldon Homkes.*



Eric & Jodi Hassevoort and Kid’s - June 19, 2025 at 07:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bruce Eldon Homkes.

June 18, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bruce Eldon Homkes.



June 18, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ Mike & Julie Leen Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Bruce Eldon Homkes.



Mike & Julie Leen Family - June 18, 2025 at 08:44 AM



“ I worked with both Bruce, and Jeff for several years as a pork producer. Bruce was always quick with a joke, or a short story too entertain all who had time to listen

Ruth Hoezee - June 15, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ Matt & Jess Hazen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Eldon Homkes.

Matt & Jess Hazen - June 14, 2025 at 04:09 PM

MH

“ *Matt & Jess Hazen purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bruce Eldon Homkes.*



Matt & Jess Hazen - June 14, 2025 at 04:09 PM