



## Bruce Ming

November 20, 1929 - October 16, 2018

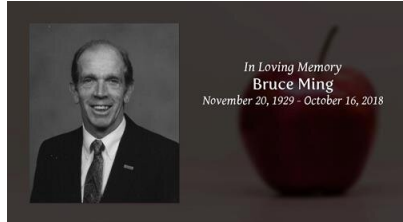
Bruce Jarvis Ming, 88, of Holland, died peacefully in his earthly home and was welcomed into his eternal home on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. He was born in Holland, Michigan on November 20, 1929 to Margaret (Kraai) and Oscar Jarvis Ming, who both preceded him in death. He was the youngest of three siblings and is survived by sister, Marlyn Kane and was preceded in death by eldest sister, Tommy Lou Mooi, and grandson, Jan Gregory Elenbaas. Bruce was a member of the Holland High School graduating Class of 1947. Bruce married Karen Rose (Lam) and they recently enjoyed celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary. Bruce & Karen spent the majority of those years enjoying the home they had built on a 20 acre hobby farm in Overisel. After holding a variety of manufacturing jobs, Bruce decided he would like to become a teacher and enrolled in Hope College at the age of 33! While there, he played football and was on the track team. He graduated in 1968 and was employed by the West Ottawa public school system until his retirement. In addition to teaching, Bruce coached Wrestling. Bruce also received his Masters Degree from Western Michigan University. His many and varied interests included singing, hunting & fishing, running, drawing, and enjoying nature. He was honored to be a Senior Olympian and carried the torch when the games were held in Holland. He will be missed greatly by his wife, Karen; daughter, Jo-Ellen Ming and David Hering; daughter, Abbie-Jo and Ryan Wilcox; grandchildren, Jacob Jarvis Elenbaas, Adelyn Rose Wilcox, Annelle Marie Wilcox; and a great-granddaughter, Rowan Angela Elenbaas. Bruce's

in-laws include Marilyn (Lam) Rynbrandt (deceased), Donald and Jean Lam, Judy (Lam) and Jim Ludens. Bruce's cousins, nieces and nephews were dear to his heart and he enjoyed spending time with them. The family invites you to visitation on Saturday, October 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State St., Zeeland, MI 49464 You are also welcome to join them at a Celebration of Life service on Sunday, October 21 at 3:00 pm at Maplewood Reformed Church 133 E. 34th St., Holland, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in Bruce's name be given to The Maplewood Church Mission Fund and U of M Oncology research.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bruce Ming*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - October 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bruce Ming*

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"I was a kid when I first saw Bruce. My Dad and I went to every Hope College home football game on Saturday afternoon. We knew a couple of really good players on the team but the one I wanted to watch play was Bruce. He was the guy in his mid-thirties who was not willing to concede an inch to these kids. I've thought of him many times over the years and I still love the memory. Godspeed Bruce. You lived a good life."*

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**Dean Boonstra** - October 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Jo Ellen and family I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing but rejoice he is in heaven and pain free! He will be missed by many but rejoice that we will see him again in heaven one day soon. My prayers will include your family as you say goodbye."*

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**Sally Anderson** - October 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*Old memories! Born and raised on Holland's 38th street a few houses down I had the pleasure of being a Hope College football teammate and fellow 1968 graduate. My heartfelt sympathies to his family but be comforted that Bruce is starting his new glorious life.*  
*Tom Pelon*”

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**A friend** - October 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CB

“*We were sorry to hear about the passing of Bruce. Although we did not get much of an opportunity to be around with the family much, but so enjoyed everyone . The family is very special and have touched many hearts and influenced many by setting most memorable examples. Love and prayers to each and everyone of you.*  
*Carol and Jerry Beach*”

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**Carol and Jerry Beach** - October 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LM

“*Dear Jo-Ellen, We're so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Please give your mom a hug for me. You have such a sweet family. Praying you are at peace.*  
*Love, Lois and Ed Miller*”

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**Lois Miller** - October 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“*Karen and Hi-Ellen, It is Sunday, 4:52 pm and I just found out! So sorry for your loss and sorry I missed the services! He was a good man and my coach! Love, "Little Joe"*”

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**joe Silva** - October 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KV

“So sorry to hear of your loss. I remember Bruce, Karen and family from Maplewood Reformed Church. Prayers for you all as you walk through these difficult days. Cherish your memories”

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**Karen Van Voorst** - October 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“Bruce was a devoted member of Holland Windmill Chorus where I learned to enjoy his wit and dedication to the barbershop community. He will be greatly missed. Blessings to all....”

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**Butch Lievense** - October 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM