



Calvin (Cal) Kempker

May 16, 1944 - April 7, 2022

Calvin (Cal) Kempker, age 77, passed away unexpectedly on April 7, 2022.

Cal was a man of many loves. He enjoyed gardening, biking, and a good walk downtown Holland. He was an avid reader and visited the library often. He was passionate about travel especially by train internationally. He loved his dog; Piper and he will be greatly missed by his extended family.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Betty and Paul Van Loo; brother, Jerry Kempker; sister-in-law, Gail Kempker; brother-in-law, Wayne Dykhuis; niece, Brenda Hertz; and nephew, Scott Van Loo.

He is survived by sister, Susie Dykhuis; brother Dave Kempker; nieces and nephews, Randy Dykhuis, Karen (Bob) VanMeeteren; Mike Hertz, John (Kris) Kempker, Jim (Stacey) Kempker, Jackie (Kevin) Dannenberg, Jennifer Kempker, Julie Kempker, Joe Kempker, Doug Van Loo, Rick Van Loo, Dan (Melissa) Van Loo, Michelle (Kyle) Lampen, Heather (Matt) Scholten.

Visitation with the family is 1:00-3:00 pm on Monday, April 11, 2022, at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland, MI 49423.

Funeral services are at 3:00 pm the same day also at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home.

Burial to take place at Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Calvin's honor may be given to Winning at Home,
visit: www.winningathome.com.

www.langelandsterenberg.com

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Hamilton, MI 49419

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Cal Kempker Funeral Service in memory of Calvin (Cal) Kempker*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - April 12, 2022 at 07:48 AM



“ *Calvin (Cal) Kempker*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM

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Even with his personal schedule, his highest priority was always the Kempker Family's youngest generations, and one never retired from a visit with Cal in which he had not given the latest update on what was going on with whom, when and where, whether game or musical performance. There were many such events, and he attended much more often than not. To not was a rarity. For many retirement years his summers were dedicated to a substantial garden at Brother Dave's hacienda. The garden was an annual project that he was not reluctant to surrender to his niece, even though he had to adjust to new "best practices". His Christmas, American Girl shopping trips to Chicago via the train with his young nieces were infamous, in and outside the family, and he helped the nieces enjoy the outdoors through photography and bicycling.

Cal's congeniality and generosity is best exemplified by the following: While he has long played taxi to those who needed a trip to the doctor or just needed a hand, a Southeast Asian family had established a pastry shop in Holland. Cal really liked their wares. As he returned to purchase their tasty goods, he became more familiar with the family and struck up an acquaintance. On one occasion the ladies-in-charge were lamenting the absence of certain ingredients necessary to their business that could only be purchased in Chicago and that they had missed the Chicago train that morning. True to Cal's nature, he packed them in his pickup and drove them to Chicago and back. Only Cal would have done that.

In the last 3 months, breakfasts with his former Saugatuck High School classmates started and he really enjoyed seeing so many that he had not seen for almost 60 years. Cal had steadily continued attendance at every Monday morning's breakfast with his former DSS co-workers of 50 years. His priorities in life have always been exhibited by his dedication to his family and the friends he made in every venue and at every station, around the world.

Keith Behm Max Thiele

April 11, 2022

max thiele - April 11, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Calvin (Cal) Kempker.*



April 11, 2022 at 07:03 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Cal's passing. Loved listening to his stories. Prayers for his family, especially our friend Dave.*

Mary McCracken - April 10, 2022 at 04:37 PM



Bless all your family through this time. May Christ be your comfort.

Dan Seaborn - April 11, 2022 at 08:15 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Calvin (Cal) Kempker.*



April 10, 2022 at 02:15 PM

GD



graham duryee - April 09, 2022 at 04:27 PM

MM

*We are so sorry to hear about Cal's passing. Prayers for all the family, especially our friend Dave.
Gary and Mary McCracken*

Mary McCracken - April 09, 2022 at 10:12 PM

MT

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Max Thiele - April 09, 2022 at 04:06 PM

MT

Stevens Hotel, Fennville, MI., Jan. 2018. McCracken, Thiele, Kempker, Behm, & Shimmel

Max Thiele - April 09, 2022 at 04:10 PM

LL

“ *Many good memories of working with Cal back in the day. He will be missed.*

Linda Lacey - April 09, 2022 at 01:23 PM

ER

“ *Sending our condolences to Sue, Dave, and extended family. May God comfort you.*

Ernie and Melanie Rotman - April 09, 2022 at 12:18 PM