



## Rev. Carl Balk

June 20, 1944 - January 30, 2023

Rev. Carl Balk, 78, of Holland, passed away on Monday, January 30, 2023. Carl was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on June 20, 1944, to Neal and Jean Balk. After high school he graduated from Calvin College and started a short career in teaching. He returned to Western Theological Seminary and upon graduation became a minister in the Reformed Church in America. He served churches at First Reformed Church in Lansing, IL, Community Reformed Church in Zeeland, Corinth Reformed Church in Byron Center, Rose Park Reformed Church in Holland before retiring. Carl continued to preach and help local RCA churches after his retirement from full time pastoring. He married Linnay (De Leeuw) Steigenga in 1982.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Jan Stellingwerf, and his daughter Lisa Knooihuizen.

Carl is survived by his wife of 40 years, Linnay, children: Tom and Susan Steigenga of Holland (Tyler, Kyle), Matt and Allison Steigenga (Collette, Colton, Preston) of East Lansing, son-in-law James Knooihuizen of Holland, brother-in-law Andy Stellingwerf, sister-in-law Barbara and Gordon Veeneman, and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM Monday, February 6, 2023, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th Street, Holland MI 49423. Visitation will be 3-5 pm, Sunday, at the funeral home, and also 10:00-10:45 am, Monday prior to the funeral. Interment will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home  
315 E 16th St  
Holland, MI 49423  
(616) 392-2306  
info@langelandsterenberg.com  
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

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# Tribute Wall



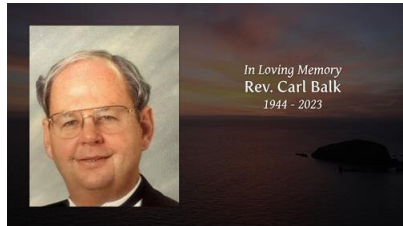
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Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 09, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Carl Balk*

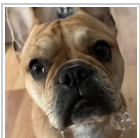


Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 04, 2023 at 09:35 AM

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*Carl was a true blue friend. He came to First reformed of Lansing and immediately started mentoring young men like myself. It was such a wonderful time in my life. I will always be grateful. It was because of his mentoring, that I felt called by God to go and do likewise. Thank you Carl.! See you in heaven brother!*

Tom Vanderheyden - April 08, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ *Rest in peace, thank you for marrying me and my wife in 2004.*

Scott Jones - February 07, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rev. Carl Balk.*



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February 03, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Carl Balk.*



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February 02, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Carl Balk.*



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February 02, 2023 at 07:43 AM

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“ I am sorry to hear of Carl's death. We first met when he was Associate Minister at First Reformed in Lansing, IL, under Rev. Russell Horton. Horton had succeeded my father as Pastor there, so we knew many of the same people. Later, when he came to Community Zeeland, I was living in Zeeland and he would frequent The Highland Men's Store where I worked. I was also working at Christ Memorial Church, and so we often talked about church related topics. He was a good man who followed what he believed to be God's will for his life. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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**Thomas M Folkert** - January 31, 2023 at 05:51 PM