



Charlotte "Char" Van Haitsma

March 14, 1936 - March 14, 2025

Charlotte (Char) Van Haitsma, of Zeeland, passed away Friday, March 14, 2025, on her 89th birthday.

Char was born March 14, 1936, in Holland, to Isaac & Cornelia (Vanden Heuvel) Kleis. She graduated from Holland Christian High School and later married Dale Van Haitsma on September 14, 1956. Dale and Char raised their children in Zeeland and they were charter members of Haven Christian Reformed Church. Char and Dale are currently members of Covenant Presbyterian Church. She worked as a cashier at several area grocery stores and retired from Langeland-Sterenbergh & Yntema Funeral Homes following 15 years of service. Char was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers and in-laws: Gerald Kleis, Ken & Margaret Kleis, Stan & Ruth Kleis, Roger Kleis, Richard De Korte, Dale Eding, Glenn & Ruth Van Haitsma, Rosie Van Haitsma.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Dale, their children and grandchildren, Linda & Tom Barense (Brian & Kerri Johnson, Nick & Kylie Weaver, Josh & Kaylin Isenga), Mary & Denny Achterhof (Katie Mulder, Bradley & Kalynn Achterhof, Amy & Mike Quick), Mike & Amy Van Haitsma (Madison & Tucker De Graaf, Sydney Van Haitsma), fifteen great-grandchildren, in-laws: Marge Kleis, Terry & Judy Van Haitsma, Carol De Korte-Eding, and many extended family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am, Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1015 East 32nd Street, Holland MI 49423. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 PM, Monday, at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Cure International, 70 Ionia Ave. SW, Grand Rapids MI 49503.

Cemetery Details

Zeeland Cemetery (Original Cemetery)

220 East Lincoln Avenue
Zeeland, MI 49464

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Funeral Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM (ET)

Covenant Presbyterian Church
1015 East 32nd Street
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Charlotte "Char" Van Haitsma*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - March 17, 2025 at 09:44 AM

SW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our prayers go out to her family.*

Sandy Wolters - March 18, 2025 at 09:05 AM

SD

“ *Susan, Martha, Sara and Daniel purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Charlotte "Char" Van Haitsma.*



Susan, Martha, Sara and Daniel - March 16, 2025 at 10:13 AM

PD

“ *Pam DeVries purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charlotte "Char" Van Haitsma.*



Pam DeVries - March 16, 2025 at 09:23 AM

QF

“ Quick Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlotte "Char" Van Haitsma.

Quick Family - March 14, 2025 at 07:57 PM

QF

“ Quick Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Charlotte "Char" Van Haitsma.



Quick Family - March 14, 2025 at 07:57 PM