



## Chris Baarman

June 23, 1935 - December 6, 2023

Christen "Chris" Baarman, age 88, of Zeeland, passed away on Wednesday, December 06, 2023.

Chris lived a life guided by his strong faith and unwavering kindness. He dedicated himself to serving his community and was actively involved in his church, where he served as an elder and a dedicated Sunday school teacher. Chris was a true example of compassion, always lending a helping hand to his neighbors, especially when it came to repairing sprinklers - a task he took great pride in.

A natural salesman with an infectious personality, Chris's endless connections spanned far and wide. His genuine care for others extended beyond business relationships, forming lifelong friendships with his clients whom he always looked out for.

Chris's army service showcased his unwavering dedication and talent. His passion for photography led to numerous accolades and even an offer to work with Life magazine, which he declined, choosing instead to remain close to his family and the community he cherished.

Chris is survived by his wife, Pat Baarman; children: Craig (Deb) Baarman, Kim (Keith) Smith, David (Erica) Baarman; stepson: Scott Diekema; 12

grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; siblings: Jerry (Kathy) Baarman, Nancy Kollenbrander; as well as many extended family.

Chris was preceded in death by his first wife Jacqueline (Van Dorple) Baarman in 2018.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Family Church, Grace Campus, 9530 Woodbridge St. Zeeland, MI 49464. Burial will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Visitation with the Baarman family will be from 4:00-6:00 PM on Friday, December 8, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State St. Zeeland, MI 49464.

Memorial contributions may be given to Faith Hospice. To leave condolences online for the family, please visit [www.yntemafh.com](http://www.yntemafh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Zeeland Cemetery (Original Cemetery)

220 East Lincoln Avenue  
Zeeland, MI 49464

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home  
251 S State St  
Zeeland , MI 49464  
(616) 772-2173  
info@yntemafh.com  
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Church - Grace Campus  
9530 Woodbridge St.  
Zeeland, MI 49464

# Tribute Wall



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Chris Baarman.*



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December 08, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ *Gina B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chris Baarman.*

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**Gina B.** - December 07, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ *Chris was such a sweet man. He was always very nice and appreciative to me, as I was learning the business. May he rest in peace!*

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**PAUL A SOLTYSIAK** - December 07, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Chris Baarman.*



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December 07, 2023 at 10:56 AM

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“ The Jerry Baarman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chris Baarman.

The Jerry Baarman Family - December 07, 2023 at 10:56 AM

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“ The friends at Holland Litho planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chris Baarman.

The friends at Holland Litho - December 07, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Chris Baarman.



December 07, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chris Baarman.



December 07, 2023 at 08:54 AM

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“ Graig & Deb so sorry for your loss . He was a true christian.Sending love hugs & prayers. Sorry I won't make the funeral I'm in Florida but I'll be thinking of you . Love Cindy & Darrel.

Cindra Vanderwel - December 07, 2023 at 08:15 AM