



## Clair Derrick Zwiép

October 26, 1930 - January 26, 2023

Clair Derrick Zwiép went peacefully to be with his Lord on the morning of January 26, 2023, at Resthaven Care Center.

Watch Memorial Service here: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=UoFNIAapzls>

Born on October 26, 1930, in Holland, Michigan, Clair was 92 years old. He was the son of Dick and Gertrude Zwiép. He is survived by his loving wife, Elaine Ruth (Wierda) Zwiép, with whom he enjoyed 70 years as one. He is survived as well by their six children and spouses: Steve and Sue Zwiép, Sandy and Dann Bouwer, Dave and Judy Zwiép, Leesa and Dr. Jon Schram, Linda and Mike Smeenge, and Derick (Susan) Zwiép. Clair and Elaine enjoyed the blessings of 14 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. Clair's brother, Ted Zwiép, preceded him in death and he is survived by his sister, Elsa (Prince) and Rev. Ren Broekhuizen.

Clair lived a long and wonderful life, and he will be missed by many whose lives he touched in countless ways.

Clair's love for God's creation and the beauty that surrounded him made him passionate in his love for the outdoors and all the activities he enjoyed with his family and friends. He especially loved living in Michigan where water and woods are plentiful to share time fishing and hunting - experiences and adventures, recollections, and treasured memories – with anyone and everyone. His family and friends will recall times that will always give them joy.

Clair lived his life in a relationship with the Lord. He served faithfully in the church whenever and wherever he was called to do so. At the time of his passing, he was a member at Christ Memorial Church in Holland. He was always eager to share the good news of Jesus and His love with whomever he met – never shy to witness to God’s faithfulness in his life and the joy of knowing Jesus as His Savior. It was his desire that all could come to experience that joy and peace. The 20 years he owned and operated Zwiep’s Greenhouses gave him the opportunity to share that desire with all who worked with and for him. Not only was his testimony in words but often in the hymns and songs he loved so much. He loved music and it was often his way to express his love for Christ not only for his own pleasure and enjoyment but for those with whom he shared that time of his life.

From 1947 to 1968 Clair served his country in the National Guards and finished his military career in the Army Reserves. He served his community as a volunteer firefighter for over 30 years.

Our family is grateful to God for the many years we shared with Dad. We are especially grateful for the legacy of Dad’s faithfulness in raising his children to know and love the Lord. This was always Dad’s prayer and priority – that his children and grandchildren and great grandchildren would love and serve the Lord as well. We know with a blessed assurance that we will see Dad again when we all join together in heaven one day where Dad now enjoys life eternal with Jesus.

Visitation with the extended family and friends will be 12:30 -2:00 pm on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Rd. Holland, MI 499423. A Celebration of Life Service to follow beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Burial to take place in Graafschap Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Clair's honor may be given to Holland Christian Schools at <https://hollandchristian.org/donate/> or mailed to 956 Ottawa Ave. Holland, MI 49423 or Resthaven online at [www/resthaven.org](http://www/resthaven.org) or mail to 948 Washington Ave. Holland, MI 49423.

[www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Graafschap Cemetery

32nd Steet at Graafschap Road  
Holland, MI 49423

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 29. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ Memorial Church  
595 Graafschap Road  
Holland, MI 49423

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

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595 Graafschap Road  
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# Tribute Wall



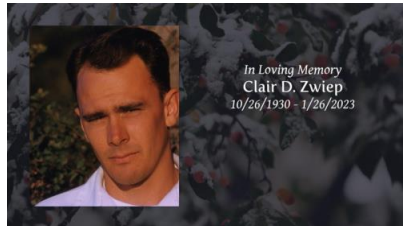
“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Watch Memorial Service in memory of Clair Derrick Zwiep*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - January 29, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Clair Derrick Zwiep*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - January 27, 2023 at 02:16 PM

JS

*Brother Steve,  
Dang ... so sorry for your loss. Adios Claire and thanks for our memories ... "It is well ... with my soul".*

joe silva - January 27, 2023 at 03:09 PM

JB

*So sorry to read about the loss of your husband. Aunt Janet T. ( your sister) would tell us so many stories about you and him. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Judy VO.Bakker*

Judy Bakker - January 31, 2023 at 05:27 PM

RD

“ My Christian love and sympathy to you Elaine and your family in the “home going” of Claire. Praying you can look forward to a better life to come where death will be no more. Remembering all the good times we had bowling with you folks. It’s been many years now, but the memories remain. It was 1986 when Nelson had the stroke and that ended our bowling years but life goes on and the memories last. Praying for comfort and peace to all. 🙏😊🙏

Ruth Dykgraaf - January 31, 2023 at 01:06 PM

AZ

“ My sincere condolences in your loss of Clair. I enjoyed getting to know him at Resthaven. He was always so pleasant and kind to talk with. ~ Gary Mulder

Alicia Zandstra - January 31, 2023 at 09:51 AM

LW

“ No memories of your dad, Steve, but my condolences from us snowbirds in California. Thankful with your whole family for his life and witness. Lou and Mary Anne Wagenfeld

Lou Wagenfeld - January 27, 2023 at 07:58 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clair Derrick Zwiep.



January 27, 2023 at 07:00 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Clair Derrick Zwiep.*



January 27, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Clair Derrick Zwiep.*



January 27, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ *We really enjoyed spending time with Clair and Elaine while searching for a home in Holland. We treasure the memories and all the interesting experiences he provided. He was a real renaissance man. Our love to Elaine and family, Anne and Mark Stewart*

**Anne Stewart** - January 27, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clair Derrick Zwiep.*



January 26, 2023 at 07:22 PM