



Cora L. Visscher

March 3, 1938 - September 9, 2023

Cora Visscher, age 85, of Holland, unexpectedly passed away Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Corewell Health Butterworth Hospital from complications following surgery. She loved, and was tremendously loved by, her family, friends, and the many people she touched through her lifelong work in child advocacy and community building.

Cora was born in Prospect Park, Pennsylvania to Herbert and Margaret Kaepernik and moved to Holland, Michigan as a young girl where she started her enjoyment of participating in almost everything. She was involved in track and field, played the cello, joined the choir, and was a majorette in the Holland High School band. As an adult, she continued to enjoy her love of music in directing the cherub and junior choirs for the First United Methodist church where she was a lifelong member.

Her community work included serving as chair of the City of Holland Planning Commission, establishing the Children's Resource Network, and founding the Children's Advocacy Center of Ottawa County. Cora's accomplishments were recognized with a Liberty Bell Award from the Ottawa County Bar Association and the Dr. Ray Helfer Award from the Michigan Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse. She received commendations for her service in children's advocacy from Governors James Blanchard, John Engler, and William Milliken.

Cora was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, in 2022, and her sisters, Helen Parker and Elsie Christianson.

She is survived by her children, Christopher (Michelle) Visscher, Cynthia (Matt Swanson) Visscher, David Wasserman, and Carin (Andy) Ribbens; 9 grandchildren, Jennifer (Todd) Timmer, Bob (Brandon Riley) Murillo, Melissa (Steve) Bayn, Josh (Jenny Van Veen) Ribbens, Gabe Murillo, Megan Soto, Lisa (Doug) Carlton, Marc (Tina) Kaeckmeister, and Jill Moyer; 18 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren; sister, Jean Dickenson; and in-laws, Carl (Barbara) Visscher, Beverly Bolen, Trudy (Joe) Glegola, Sharon Sens, Joan Cobb, Linda Visscher, and Judy Visscher.

Cremation will take place and a memorial service to celebrate Cora's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at First United Methodist Church, 57 W. 10th St., Holland, with Rev. Letisha Bowman officiating.

Visitation will be 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., prior to the service, also at the church.

Lunch will be served at the church after the service.

In lieu of flowers, it is Cora's wish that a memorial gift be given to Cora's Care Closet c/o Children's Advocacy Center of Ottawa County or First United Methodist Church of Holland. Arrangements are by Langeland-Sterenber Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at www.langelandsterenberg.com.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
57 West 10th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Livestream Archive Link in memory of Cora L. Visscher*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - October 02, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Cora L. Visscher*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - September 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM



“ *Cora lived across the hall from my mother, Mary Jellema, at Warm Friend and was very fond of her, holding her in high regard. We are very sorry for your loss. Mom cried when she heard about Cora's death.*

Reka Jellema - October 06, 2023 at 01:13 PM

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“ Dick and I are sorry to hear about Cora and we will miss her. She was a wonderful person, and we spend many good times with her at Tara playing golf, having dinner together, etc. We will always remember her St. Patrick Day get-togethers at Tara. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

Dick & Judy Olson

Richard And Judith Olson - October 05, 2023 at 11:08 AM

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“ Amber and Trent TerHaar family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Cora L. Visscher.



Amber and Trent TerHaar family - October 04, 2023 at 04:48 PM

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“ Amber and Trent TerHaar family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cora L. Visscher.

Amber and Trent TerHaar family - October 04, 2023 at 04:48 PM

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“ 29 files added to the album *Memories of Cora*



John Sterenberg - September 27, 2023 at 09:54 AM

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“ *Our hearts were saddened at the loss of Cora. I only met Cora when she moved into the Warm Friend. She was a true friend..fun, loving and kind. She will be deeply missed. Heaven gained a special person*

Velma Nykamp - September 15, 2023 at 06:03 PM