



Dale Van Der Kolk

October 13, 1933 - May 16, 2025

Dale Van Der Kolk, 91, of Zeeland, MI passed away on May 16, 2025.

Born on October 13, 1933, in his parent's farmhouse in Allegan County, Dale lived a remarkable life that began in that humble home without electricity or running water.

He proudly served in the U.S. Coast Guard. After his discharge in 1956, he met the love of his life Judy Fischer. Together they nurtured a loving family, raising six children. Although he could be headstrong, he also had an endearing wry sense of humor and a willingness to accept and love others.

Dale was a man who found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He enjoyed exploring the woods on long walks, always on the lookout for morel mushrooms. He and Judy shared numerous travel adventures side by side. Most of all Dale enjoyed all the time he spent with his family.

Dale is survived by his wife of 68 years, Judy Van Der Kolk; children: Cindy & Scott Sharp, Kevin & Joy Van Der Kolk, Cheryl Horn, Melissa (Steenwyk) Van Der Kolk, James & Michelle Van Der Kolk; grandchildren: Ken Sharp, Rebecca & Tim Shanahan, Rachel & Adam Ceton, Vance & Tiffany Van Der Kolk, Darcy & Arturo Solis, Jason Drew, Andrea Horn, Christopher Horn, Gavin & Siera Steenwyk, Quinten & Brittney Steenwyk, Ethan Steenwyk,

Hudson Steenwyk, Samuel Van Der Kolk, Brigit Van Der Kolk, Isaiah Cunningham; as well as 24 great grandchildren.

Dale was preceded in death by his daughter Christine Sue Rozema, his parents, and five brothers and two sisters.

A funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at Forest Grove Reformed Church, 1630 32nd Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426. Visitation will be from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 20, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland, MI 49464. Memorial contributions may be given to Faith Hospice. To leave condolences online, please visit www.yntemafh.com.

Cemetery Details

Forest Grove Cemetery

3501 Gordon Street
Hudsonville, MI 49426

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Funeral Service

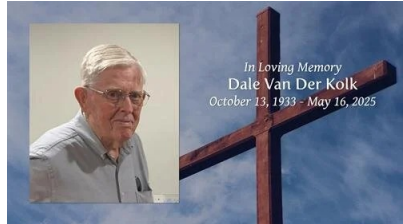
MAY 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

Forest Grove Reformed Church
1630 32nd Ave.
Hudsonville, MI 49426

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dale Van Der Kolk*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - May 20, 2025 at 01:43 PM

MS

“ *Marie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dale Van Der Kolk.*

Marie S. - May 22, 2025 at 01:40 PM

TR

“ *Judy and your family I am very sorry for your loss. Dale he was a wonderful person. My God be with you and your family*

Tina Ryan

Tina Ryan - May 18, 2025 at 06:27 PM

RS

“ Dear Judy and family,

*Our sincere prayers to you at the passing of Dale.
So many memories of Forest Grove and hanging with Kevin at your house and mud lake back in the day. My parents also cherished your friendship and travels together.*

Now the Lord will receive this good and decent man. He was a class act.

Peace and strength to you as you honor Dale.

Rick & Karen Smallegan

Rick Smallegan - May 18, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dale Van Der Kolk.



May 17, 2025 at 02:22 PM

CK

“ Cheryl and kids purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Dale Van Der Kolk.



Cheryl and kids - May 17, 2025 at 01:25 PM