



Dale Bernerd Vander Weide

March 16, 1952 - May 24, 2025

On May 24, 2025, Dale Bernerd Vander Weide, age 73, of Zeeland, Michigan, was called home to rest in the arms of his Savior. Born on March 16, 1952, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Dale made an immense impact and was a light in the communities that he lived in and had an unwavering love for his family.

Shortly after graduating from Calvin Christian High School, Dale met his one and only true love, Hope. They proudly celebrated 50 years of marriage late last year. If you knew Dale, you have at one point experienced his legendary infectious laugh that would overtake entire restaurants, schools, trains, buses and church auditoriums. He had a magnetic presence and generous heart that touched lives around the world.

Above all, Dale's deep faith in God guided every step of his life. He led mission trips with humility and strength, becoming a beacon of hope and a living example of Christ's love. His generous spirit and constant leadership inspired those around him to live with purpose, courage, and compassion.

A man of remarkable talent and tireless work ethic, Dale was self-taught, highly skilled, and endlessly creative. He built a successful big rig mobile repair business - a pioneering endeavor in the 1980s - and later served as a lead mechanic for the City of Holland. From driving buses on church tours and mission trips to building his own family home, Dale lived a full and meaningful

life, always teaching and mentoring those around him.

Family was Dale's greatest pride and joy. Raising five children across three decades only fueled his boundless energy. He loved, supported, and cherished each one, creating countless memories and laying a strong foundation for his beloved wife, Hope, to pursue her passions. Dale was a devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather - always present, never missing a single event or opportunity to show his love and commitment. His enthusiasm for nurturing the next generation was evident in the many youth sports teams he coached, instilling in young people the importance of hard work, resilience, and faith.

In retirement, Dale and Hope embraced new adventures in sunny Arizona, making new friends and enjoying life's simple pleasures. Even in his final years, Dale continued to serve others, lend a helping hand, and light up every gathering with his humor and warmth. During his courageous battle with cancer, he returned to West Michigan earlier this year to lean on his broader support network of family and friends through challenging times. Dale leaves behind a legacy of love, service, craftsmanship, and faith that will forever resonate in the hearts of his family, friends, and community. Though we mourn his passing, his spirit will continue to inspire acts of kindness, hard work, and devotion to God.

Dale is survived by:

His loving wife, Hope Vander Weide;

His children: Timothy and Dawn Westveld, Rhonda and Matt Van Kley, Paul and Michelle Vander Weide, Nathan and Kaitlin Vander Weide, and Aaron and Lucy Vander Weide;

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Jenna and Taylor Fisher (children, Eleanor and Bennett), Cassie and Dallas Martinez (children, Hailey, Molly, Jessica, Damian, and Louis), Kirsten and Austin Goedhart (child, Abel), and

Jade Chandler;
His sister: Pat Vander Weide;
His brother: Dick and Nancy Vander Weide;
And many cherished aunts, uncles, cousins, and in-laws.

Celebrating Dale's Life:

Funeral Service:

Sunday, June 8, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 East 16th Street, Holland, MI 49423

Visitation & Reception to Follow:

2:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the same location.

All who knew and loved Dale are warmly invited to gather and celebrate his life.

Memorial Contributions:

Memorial gifts may be made to New Harvest Ministries International at www.newharvest.org. NHMI serves remote villages in Tanzania and across India, sharing the Gospel-over 1,000,000 people have responded to Christ. The ministry has established 328+ churches and graduated 1,300+ students from its Bible colleges. NHMI also provides clean water, supports orphans and widows, and runs a medical clinic, nursery school, day school, sewing school, and a 3,000-acre agricultural project.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 8. 1:30 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home
315 E 16th St
Holland, MI 49423-4213

Visitation/Reception

JUN 8. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LP

“ I only went to school with Dale and we went out different ways after high school. But Dale was one in our class that I would never forget....so kind, quiet, but always smiling. You could just tell that the Lord had big and special plans for him. Sending my sympathy to his beautiful family but knowing Dale received his “well done” from the One he served.

Lynnelle Pierce - June 08, 2025 at 11:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale Bernerd Vander Weide.



June 05, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dale Bernerd Vander Weide.

June 05, 2025 at 01:35 PM

RA

“ Rachel, Jana, Nathanael, and Alan purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Dale Bernerd Vander Weide.



Rachel, Jana, Nathanael, and Alan - June 04, 2025 at 11:55 PM

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“ Rachel, Jana, Nathanael, and Alan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dale Bernerd Vander Weide.

Rachel, Jana, Nathanael, and Alan - June 04, 2025 at 11:55 PM



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June 03, 2025 at 12:21 PM

RH

“ Dale was always full of love and life. So giving, caring, and had a refreshing presence. I'm so grateful I met this wonderful couple. Dale and Hope were always blessing people with their presence, sharing their hearts. Prayers for comfort will continue.

Renee Hibma - June 02, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale Bernerd Vander Weide.



June 02, 2025 at 01:56 PM



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TA

“ *Tori and Armin purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dale Bernerd Vander Weide.*



Tori and Armin - June 01, 2025 at 04:45 PM

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“ *Tori and Armin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dale Bernerd Vander Weide.*

Tori and Armin - June 01, 2025 at 04:45 PM

HO

“ *Hope and Dale had the greatest spiritual gifts of hospitality*

Horns - May 30, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Dale Bernerd Vander Weide.*



May 30, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale Bernerd Vander Weide.*



May 30, 2025 at 09:23 AM