



Darwin "Darby" Boerman

January 27, 1959 - April 7, 2026

Darwin "Darby" Boerman met his Savior and reunited with his son, Ryan in heaven on April 7, 2026. Darby was firmly planted on the Boerman farm in Bentheim.

Darby is survived by "his girls", wife of 42 years Diane and daughters Emily Boerman and Marissa Boerman and his sister Dawn and Brian VanderHulst. He is also survived by:

Mother-in-law Jan Betten, Sisters-in-law Judy Betten, Kris and Don Swackhammer, and Jodi and Dave Heneveld. Nieces and nephews: Josh Swackhammer, Nate and Monica Swackhammer, Rachael and Aaron Walters, and Matthew and Megan VanderHulst, Leah, Seth, and Micah Heneveld. Treasured great nieces and nephews: Aiden, Owen, and Brysen Swackhammer; Noah, Adah, and Benjamin Walters; and Noella and Thys VanderHulst. Many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his son Ryan, parents Jerald and Harriet Boerman, father-in-law John Betten, and sister-in-law Kim Betten.

Darby worked at Hamilton Farm Bureau for 43 years. He loved serving the farming community and building relationships at the pit with his fellow farmers. He enjoyed the fellowship, talking about farming, family, and life with co-workers and farmers and enjoyed the friendships he built over the years.

Darby loved his community and had a passion for investing in the next generation. He enjoyed being a youth group leader through the years, going to the students' event and cheering for them throughout their lives. Mr. Darby enjoyed mentoring his Kids Hope student and saying hello to all the students and teachers at Bentheim Elementary School. In recent years, he enjoyed building a new community at Community Church of Douglas and sharing life with the congregation.

Family was central to Darby's life. He farmed the family farm alongside his dad and his wife and children all of his life. Diane, "Muffin" was the love of his life and as he often said she was "the wind beneath his wings". Together, they were a team in everything from fighting muscular dystrophy to cleaning the house. Darby cherished Muffin and with her built a firm foundation for their family. Emily, Marissa, and Ryan were the joys of his life. He was a steady cheerleader for each of them in all their activities, interests, goals, and adventures. His children are the reflection of Darby's heart, hard work, and humor.

The core of his life was his deep faith in Jesus. As a farmer, faith and trusting God for His provision were central to his everyday life. Around the dining room table, Darby taught his children to pray for God's provision (rain) and to thank him for his goodness when He provided (a light, steady one-inch rain in July). He passionately served God in His church in Bentheim and Douglas and radiated the warm, loving kindness of God to those who crossed his path. Darby was on the lookout for God's hand at work or as he called it "divine intervention" all around him and wanted others to catch a glimpse of the goodness of God in all things.

To watch the service livestream:

<https://m.youtube.com/live/Vmq898Pbm-A?feature=share>

A service in honor of Darby Boerman will be held at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at Community Church of Douglas, 6874 Wiley Rd., Fennville MI 49408. Visitation will be 3:00-6:00 pm, Sunday, April 12, and 5:00-7:30 PM, Monday April 13, at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. Interment will be in Bentheim Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Ryan Boerman Legacy Fund C/O Holland/Zeeland Community Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Bentheim Cemetery

4052 38th Street
Hamilton, MI 49419

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

APR **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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Service

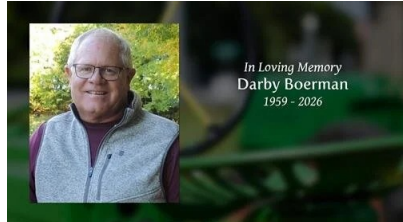
APR **14**. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Community Church of Douglas
6874 Wiley Road
Fennville, MI 49408

Tribute Wall



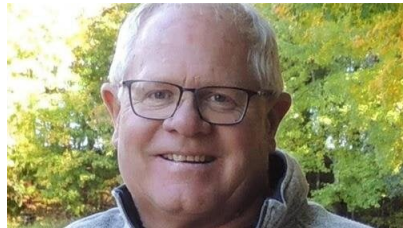
“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Darwin "Darby" Boerman*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - April 11 at 10:21 AM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Darwin "Darby" Boerman*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - April 09 at 07:07 PM



“ *Jim and I just finished watching the tribute to Darby. Jim ran into him when Hamilton Farm Bureau was the "place" to do all business. Running into him every time he went, Jim always considered him an asset to Hamilton and a good friend. As we watched the video and listened to the music, we both had tears come to our eyes with the beautiful story of a life well lived. Thank you for sharing your precious memories with us and for heralding the faith that was so important to him but also that has built a legacy for family and friends. Jim and Jody Jackson, Allegan, MI*

Jim and Jody Jackson - April 16 at 03:22 PM

JR

“ Sending our deepest condolences in the loss of your husband, Diane. He sounds like a very special man. Praying for comfort for you and your family.

Jolanta Rynsburger - April 14 at 05:07 PM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.



April 13 at 03:23 PM

CN

“ I have so many wonderful memories of growing up in Bentheim as neighbors with the Boerman family. I am so sad to learn of Darby's passing. I talked with him for quite awhile at his mother Harriet's memorial service this past December. He had such a great sense of humor and an amazing depth of faith. My deepest sympathies to all of his loved ones. Sincerely, Cindy (Yonker) Nyhoff

Cindy Nyhoff - April 13 at 11:22 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.



April 12 at 03:26 PM

ZZ

“ Zoets, Meiste’s, Zweerings purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.



Zoets, Meiste’s, Zweerings - April 11 at 01:44 PM

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“ Zoets, Meiste’s, Zweerings planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.

Zoets, Meiste’s, Zweerings - April 11 at 01:44 PM



“ Anything for You was purchased for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.



April 11 at 12:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.

April 11 at 12:51 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.*



April 10 at 11:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.

April 10 at 11:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.*



April 10 at 08:16 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.*



April 10 at 06:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.



April 10 at 02:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.

April 10 at 10:20 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.



April 10 at 10:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.



April 10 at 08:17 AM

TD

“ Thomas D. purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.



Thomas D. - April 09 at 07:14 PM

KC

“ Keystone Cooperative purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.



Keystone Cooperative - April 09 at 03:54 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.



April 09 at 02:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.

April 09 at 11:59 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Darwin "Darby" Boerman.



April 09 at 11:59 AM