



David Bruce Frens M.D.

May 26, 1944 - July 24, 2025

David Bruce Frens M.D., 81, of Zeeland, Michigan, formerly of Marshfield, Wisconsin, and Sun City West, Arizona, passed away on Thursday, July 24, 2025.

David was born May 26, 1944, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Howard and Ruth (Jurgens) Frens. David graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School, Calvin College, and the University of Michigan Medical School. He became a pediatric neurologist and practiced for 25 years at the Marshfield Clinic in Wisconsin. David married Sheila Lynne Meeuwsen in 1966, and they raised four daughters together. David also served active duty in the U.S. Air Force 1976-1978 and served as a reservist for eight years. His wife, Sheila, preceded him in death in 2022.

He is survived by his daughters: Danielle (Stephan) Hilbelink, Bethany Frens, Adrea (Simon) Nakatani, Courtney (Jason) Multerer; his grandchildren: Tessa Lander, Taylor Lander, Taeden Nakatani, Garrett (Grace) Hilbelink, Emma (Aaron) Bos, Miles Hilbelink, Calvin Hilbelink, Stella Multerer, Zander Multerer, and great-granddaughter Josie Hilbelink; his siblings: Mary and (Robert) Dykstra, Robert (Lynn) Frens; sister-in-law Barbara Meeuwsen, and many extended family members.

A memorial service in honor of David B. Frens M.D. will be held at 11:00 am,

August 16, 2025, at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. Visiting hours will be 10:00-10:45 am prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Mission Aviation Fellowship (maf.org)

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Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM - 11:40 AM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Tribute Wall

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“ Tom and I met David and Sheila years ago at a wine dinner in Phoenix. We asked if we could sit at their table, and that was the start of a wonderful friendship. Not only did we share a love of wine & food, but also careers in healthcare. David & Sheila always wanted to come to our part of town to celebrate restaurant week or a new restaurant. We also loved having lunch together at “A Touch of European Cafe” in Glendale, AZ. We will never forget the joy of being part of David & Sheila’s lives. Pat & Tom Gagen

Patricia Gagen - July 30, 2025 at 01:51 PM

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“ David and I went to the same school to learn Tai Chi. David and I used to have a lot of fun talking about our martial arts training and the years of work to get our black belt. Our Gable Hill Gang of neighbor's placed a memorial stone for David and Sheila in the Memory Garden in Sun City West and they will always be remembered as precious neighbors. Linda Napier



Linda Napier - July 29, 2025 at 06:52 PM

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After I purchased my home in Sun City West, Arizona next to David and Sheila Frens. I realized how blessed I was, being a snow bird in Minnesota and my wife still working in Minnesota the Frens would have me over on Holidays whenever my wife could make it to Arizona. When Covid-19 hit and things were really crazy, around that time Sheila bought a new car and wanted to give the her old car to one of their children. Because of Covid-19 and other issues it wasn't possible for them to fly down and get the car. Flying home to Minnesota seemed dangerous because no one had an handle of what was going on. After Dave and Shelia's morning walk they offered their car (Honda Accord) for me and my friends (Ken and Sandy Gese) to drive back to Minnesota where it would be easier for someone fly to and pickup. I will be ever grateful to both of them.

Jim Kennelly - August 01, 2025 at 01:18 PM

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Dave and I met in in our freshman year in high school where I introduced him to my long term (kindergarten) friend Sheila. My wife, Carol, and I have had the privilege of calling Dave and Sheila special friends for more than fifty-five years. I am thankful that Dave was able to spend the last months of his life in Zeeland, MI where he was available to me for several months of lunches and deep and serious conversations. Through his great intellect and training Dave was able to contribute greatly to the lives and welfare of many people. He was blessed with a remarkable mind and a heart to use it for great good. I was blessed to be his friend.

Bernie Woltjer - August 12, 2025 at 09:01 PM