



David H. Nykamp

March 28, 1961 - January 19, 2019

David H. Nykamp age 57, of Holland, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, January 19, 2019. He was a lifelong member of Bethany Christian Reformed Church.

Dave owned and operated Ridgeview Industries established on principles of Trust, Teamwork, Communication, Accountability, and the Golden Rule. His life motto was, "Pray hard. Work hard. Trust God." This philosophy is also evident in Ridgeview's well-known mission statement:

"To operate a company on the foundations of teamwork, integrity, and faith in God. To provide gainful employment, exceptional benefits and to support Christian Ministries. To pursue excellence in all things."

Dave's family and friends will always remember his intentionality in making the most of every day, making project lists, and his delegation skills. Dave loved time at the family cottage in the Silver Lake area, on the lake and in the dunes. He was an avid outdoorsman and two of his passions were hunting in Illinois and Iowa and fishing. He also enjoyed working on his various collections with eBay.

Dave is survived by his wife of 34 years, Judi; children, Gina and Chris DeBene of Grosse Pointe Woods, Derek and Heidi Nykamp of Zeeland;

parents, Ronald and Elaine Nykamp of Holland; siblings, Lori and Jim Raterink of Holland, Steve and Lonna Nykamp of Zeeland; father-in-law, Glenn Slenk of Holland; two nieces and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Marcia Slenk.

The funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 25, 2019 in the sanctuary at Central Wesleyan Church, 446 West 40th St. Holland with Pastor Daniel Walcott, Dr. Peter Newhouse, and Rev. Dan Seaborn officiating. Visitation will be 12-3 p.m. Wednesday, January 23, and 4-7 p.m. Thursday, January 24, at Central Wesleyan Church (Please use entrance A). Memorial contributions may be given to Holland Christian Schools, Grace Adventures, Outdoor Discovery Center, Winning at Home, or Lakeshore Little People's Place. The family is being served by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home. www.langelandsterenbergh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *David H. Nykamp*

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“ *"Judi - Although you do not know me, I wish to extend my sympathy to you. Referred by Jerry Jonker, I visited your husband at Ridgeview at least once in behalf of Audio Scripture Ministries. May the God of all comfort hold you up in his everlasting arms."*

Lloyd wolters - January 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"My wife Peggy and I got to know Dave when he was researching the acquisition of our company, Lindy Industries, in Huntsville Alabama back in 2004. He was such a likable and professional man. We were so sad when we learned of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers have been with him and his family since. In his honor, we have made a donation to Discovery Center."*

Dale Hill - January 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Judi, I'm SO sorry for your loss. My heart hurts for you. Your Father sees and cares... so do I. Emilie (Prince) Wierda"*

A friend - January 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

“As read at the Memorial Service: Judi, Gina and Derek, Ron and Elaine and the entire extended family: We are so sorry for your loss. As you have lost the leader of your family so too have we lost ours. Dave was Ridgeview. He was always the leader in the room, without having to do or say anything. He embodied our Mission Statement. "To operate the company on the foundations of TEAMWORK, INTEGRITY and FAITH IN GOD": Dave built and nurtured a team that could work together, pray together and rally around a common purpose. He led with unwavering honesty and fairness. The strength of his faith kept him calm and fearless in any crisis. These foundations are ingrained in our team and this culture will carry our company well into the future. "To provide gainful employment, exceptional benefits and to support Christian Ministries": The care and custody of the families within Ridgeview is clearly a responsibility that Dave, and Judi, took very, very seriously. Providing a God-centered, safe and enjoyable work environment is of paramount importance. Employee well-being came ahead of company profit. The little things - - on-site family counseling, financial assistance, birthday cards, wellness programs, holiday gifts, popcorn, candy and on-and-on - were really BIG things. The personal and corporate support of ministry and charity is sincere, unassuming and significant. All of this is so rare in today's business world. "To pursue EXCELLENCE IN ALL THINGS": Dave was passionate and driven, with an unmatched instinct and ability to quickly assess any situation. He wasn't always the easiest guy to work for, but this was largely out of his intense desire to see the team grow and improve. He pushed us beyond our "comfort-zone" and most often we needed that. We will honor his legacy by continuing to perform at a high level and by continuing to keep Ridgeview the exceptional and special place he built. Dave may be gone now, but the lessons he taught and the immense impact he had on so many lives and families will live on forever. We didn't get a chance to say goodbye, but we know where he is..and now Heaven is probably getting a bit more organized. The outpouring of support, gratitude and

admiration from our customers, suppliers, service providers and friends has been, in a word, extraordinary. We would be hard-pressed to find a more genuine, more generous, and more employee-centered owner. Judi, we know that the character and grace of Dave is as equally embodied in you as well. It was a distinct honor to work for, and to work with, Dave. We know how he loved his family, and he loved all of us and we loved him. He will be sorely missed. We pray that God will cast peace on you - - his family. And we ask for your prayers for the leadership and employees of the company. On behalf of the 596 members of the Ridgeview family, please accept our sincerest appreciation and our deepest sympathies. With love,"

Ridgeview Leadership Team - January 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *"Prayer & peace to the family on the wings of a Snow White Dove!"*

Penny Whitaker - January 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *"Our family wishes to express our deepest sympathy upon the death of Dave. I didn't know him personally, my late husband Frank was employed at Ridgeview Stamping from 1998-2003. I know from the relationship Frank had with Dave that he was respected for his kindness, his leadership and generosity. Frank looked up to him. They shared many of the same qualities: God-guys, family-guys, who worked hard, enjoyed life and loved people. I trust the memory of Dave will endure in the many hearts and minds of everyone who knew him."*

Renee Burton - January 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DM

“To Judi and family, we are sorry for the loss of a great man who would go out of his way to help anyone who needs it. We sent our love to.”

Daryl and Mary - January 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HB

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and the Nycamp family. Herschell Michaelle Basinger”

Herschell Basinger - January 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

VW

“May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.”

Vindetta Witherspoon - January 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JB

“I think I can speak for every member of the RVI family when I say that we are deeply saddened by Dave's passing. I don't think I have ever met anyone who was in Dave's position that was as humble as he was. Thank you so much for the opportunity to provide for our families. You will be greatly missed.”

Johnathan Batey - January 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JD

“It is with a sadden heart, respect and appreciation that we honor and remember Dave. As a supplier to Ridgeview Industries for many years, it has been a blessing to have known and worked with Dave and his staff. Everyone at Ridgeview Industries lived by his example and company mission and implemented the Golden Rule. Dave always took the time in the hallway of Ridgeview to welcome and share his hospitality, hard to find in these days of the commercial world. Know that all of us at Jackson Tube Service will always remember and be thankful for the many opportunities Dave provided for our families. It has truly been a pleasure and honor to have our paths cross in this world. May Dave now rest in the loving arms of our Lord Jesus, as he is rewarded for the example he left with those on earth. Dave lead his life by being an extraordinary example of how our Lord showed us to live. May he always be remembered for the legacy he has left behind.”

Joe DeMarco - January 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LN

“Condolences to Judy and family. Memories of being class mates are flooding my mind. So very sorry!”

Lauri Nykamp - January 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SH

“*Judi and kids, Between the both of us, we share 48 years at RVI: 30 for Sherri and 18 for Andrea. There is no doubt that RVI is missing its heart right now, and we've both experienced a hollow emptiness at our respective plants (Sherri at 3M and Andrea at NR). Not only was he a great owner and thoroughly involved in the goings-on' of each plant, he was also present at the funerals of Sherri's mother and brother. Dave's legacy and influence goes far beyond our workplace memories. Work hard, pray hard, trust God . . . That's what we will always take with us, at RVI and beyond. You should be so very proud of the influence Dave has had on us and so many others. God bless you all.*”

Sherri - January 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DK

“*praying for the family he will be missed he is with Jesus in heaven with love from a friend Dan*”

Daniel Kersting - January 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AT

“*My deepest condolences to the Nykamp family and to Ridgeview employees. Dave was kind, thoughtful, collaborative, and practical. Even for the short time that we interacted in business, he stood out to me as a man of high integrity. Please accept my sympathy for this great loss.*”

Aida Tanaka - January 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GI

“My wife, Ginny, was hired at Ridgeview, Huntsville well over a year ago. She talked all the time about how great the company was and how Dave made it a family atmosphere. My son, Jordan, began working there after he graduated last May and I decided to change careers and I joined the Ridgeview Family last July. RVI is truly a family atmosphere and it is all because of Dave's philosophy, guidance and faith. Our deepest condolences go out to Nykamp Family and RVI Family. Dave you will be deeply missed.”

Ginny - January 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JH

“My prayers go out to the family. I will always remember his kindness and his faith in God. He truly will be missed by many.”

Josephine Harter - January 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JC

“Dear Judi & family, I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was always very nice whenever I saw him at Bethany or when Gina babysat for us. Praying for you all during this very difficult time.”

Jamie Cusack - January 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RA

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MN

“My Thoughts and Prayers,go to the NYKAMP Family,He was a very kind man.RIP Dave.”

Maribel Garcia de Navarro - January 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BO

“Dearest Judi, we are deeply saddened by Dave's passing. We hope you can find peace in knowing that he is now resting in God's arms. May God's love and grace continue to comfort you and your family.”

Bobby - January 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“My condolences to the Nykamp family. I had the privilege to work with Dave and the Ridgeview family for 33 years. Dave was a exceptional person to work for. I enjoyed working with dave over those many years May you Rest In Peace Dave. You will be missed.”

Jack Johnson - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LS

“You are in our thoughts an prayers”

Loren Schipper - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KT

“Our deepest sympathy to the family. From the Taylor's”

Karen Taylor - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AG

“On behalf of the West Michigan Gage family, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy for the Nykamp family and the Ridgeview industries family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this very hard time. Dave was an inspiration to many people. God bless you all.”

Alan Smith West Michigan Gage - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MM

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the Nykamp family.”

Mark McDonald - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SD

“Know that we are lifting your family up in prayer - asking God to hold each of you so tenderly. Our deepest sympathy. Todd and Sheila, Jillian, Tilly, Alaina”

Sheila Dokter - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MW

“My condolences to the Nykamp family. I worked for Dave for over 8 years. He was a wonderful boss to work for and an awesome person. He will be greatly missed. God bless you Dave. May you Rest in Paradise.”

Marketta Wert - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GR

“Our condolences to the Nykamp & RVI families. Dave was an extraordinary man whose goal was to be the best in everything he did. Our prayers will be with you all through these difficult times. RIP Dave”

Greg - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WD

“Our hearts and prayers go out to Judi and the Nykamp family. We'll greatly miss seeing him at our lodge. I was honored to have met Dave back in Naples some 25 years ago. We had many great fishing trips and memories. He was always a patient and great fisherman and pleasant to be around. He treated his parents, family, and friends with great respect when they were onboard or at the lodge. We'll certainly miss him. God Bless Him. Wendel, Jody, Kurt Dafcik
Crow Rock Lodge”

Wendel Dafcik - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HS

“Proverbs 22:1, A good name is more desirable than great riches, to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. Dave has left a good name and is esteemed by the people he knew.”

Harlan Smith - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BH

“My thoughts and prayers go out to Judy and the entire family. I count it a tremendous blessing to have known Dave since I was a teenager and worked for him almost 21 years at RVI. He was a great example for how to treat people with respect and in his generosity. Dave made a huge impact in many lives including my own and will be greatly missed.”

Brian Hirdes - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“Please know we are praying for your family during this tremendous time of loss. We will miss seeing Dave out on the lake in one of his boats or paddleboard! He was a good man.”

Terry and Nancy Joldersma - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“My thoughts and prayers to the Nykamp Family. Eventhough I didn't know David personally.. We had avery professional business relationship with Ridgeview Industries. God Bless you all. Sincerely, Craig SeaverSeaver Finishing Companies”

A friend - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SA

“Your faith was evident by the way people talked about you over the years. Your parents will miss you tremendously but they know you will be there waiting for them to join you one day. Rest In Peace and will keep Judi and all of your family in my prayers!”

Sally Anderson - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RM

“So sad for Judi and the NYKAMP family. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. Dave was an exceptional person who I enjoyed working with over many years. RIP Dave you will be missed!”

Ron Marks - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“My thoughts and prayers are with the Nykamp family. I worked for Dave 26 years and there was no better employer. Every year on my birthday we'd talk about his son whose birthday was the same day. He will be greatly missed”

Susan Zamarripa - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

NO

“I have had the privilege of working at Ridgeview for most of my adult life (25+ yrs). Mr. Nykamp poured his heart and soul into Ridgeview and the people who worked there. He unwaveringly stood behind what he believed in, and always put people first. I am so thankful to have worked for a man like Mr. Nykamp, and have been blessed with many opportunities because of it. I will miss his friendly "good mornings" and birthday handshakes, and most of all, his generosity. My heart is with his family as they navigate through this difficult time.”

Nancy Orris - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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VC

“I was very sadden to hear the sudden passing on Mr Nykamp. I was blessed to work for his company for 12 years. May God bring you peace and love in your hour of need.”

Vickie Chase - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Celebrating a life well lived. We will cherish the memories forever.”

A friend - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TH

“Words cannot adequately describe how I feel. Dave gave me one of the best jobs of my career. I feel that the loss of his passing has created a void in my heart that will take a long time to fill. My wife and I thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Ridgeview family. Your vision of, Pray hard. Work hard. Trust God has served us all very well. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Nykamp family. May God bless you now and continue to shine his love upon you forever.”

Thomas - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ED

“Dear Judy and family, we are so sorry to hear the sad news of Dave's passing. Lifting you all up in prayer at this difficult time. Cherish your memories and trust in the promise that we will one day all reunite.”

Ed - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MM

“My families thoughts and prayers go out to the Nykamp family. I have worked for Dave for the last 18 years and you could not ask for a better employer. He will be missed.”

Michael Moore - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JL

“So sorry for your loss. Wishing you all Peace and Light. - JenniferOutdoor Discovery Center”

Jennifer LaForest - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SH

“My condolences to the Nykamp family. I have had the opportunity to work for Dave for 29 years as a member of the Ridgeview family. He will be missed Rest In Peace.”

Steve Howe - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CD

“To the Nykamp family, my deepest condolences. It has been my pleasure to work for him the past 27 years. He was a man of great integrity who I trusted and admired. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.”

Cher DeKraker - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BB

“Judi , children and extended family, We didn't ever meet Dave but through my Mother, Bea Keen and through my brother in law and sister, Steve and Lori Leppink, we are aware of the kind, giving and compassionate spirit that defined him. His character and spirit will live on through those who knew him. You are all in our prayers and have our very deepest sympathy .Karl and Barb Brink”

Barbara Brink - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BB

“My son works there and Dave always had time to say Hello to the workers. A very kind man!”

Betty burnham - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MA

“So sad to hear this heart-breaking news, there are no words to describe the pain of this loss. Sending you and your families love and prayers during this time. Much Love, Marybeth and Joe Susnak”

Marybeth - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BG

“Judy, your in r thoughts prayers. Bob and Kim Greving”

Bob and Kim Greving - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SW

“Judy and family, may God comfort and hold you during this difficult time. Dave was a great man who trusted his faith and it guided his life. He enriched many people's lives. God Bless.”

Scott Webb - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LH

“May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. Dave was a good man in both business and life, which I had the opportunity to work for and get to know.”

Larry Homrich - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“Bessey Tool & Die, Inc. sends our prayers and condolences to the Nykamp family. His Faith was known throughout the industry. David has created a stimulating environment at RVI and that has spread to his supplier base. We will miss his strength and leadership but his legacy will live on. God Bless his Family, Friends and entire organization in this time of bereavement.”

Rocky Johnston - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JS

“*My condolences to the Nykamp family. You will surely be missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing you. RIP.*”

Jerry Snyder - January 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JT

“*To say you have my sympathy is a given. My first reaction was of shock and disbelief. The thoughts that followed were of the wonderful things he did for myself and others while I worked there.*”

Jack Toering - January 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM