



David Lee Van Duyn

December 24, 1936 - February 18, 2022

David Lee Van Duyn, 85, of Zeeland, formerly of South Holland, Illinois, died unexpectedly on February 17, 2022, in Harlingen, Texas.

David was born on December 24, 1936, in Austinville, Iowa, to Cornelius and Grace (Limburg) Van Duyn. He graduated from Illiana Christian High School and Calvin College. After graduation he enlisted in the Navy and was commissioned as an officer, completing his training as an aircraft navigator. He married Jennie De Vries on February 28, 1959, and was a devoted husband for 62 years. They began their life in Hawaii where they lived for three years. He proudly served in the U. S. Navy for four years of active duty during the Vietnam War (1958–1962). He served an additional 16 years in the Naval Reserves, retiring as Commander Van Duyn.

Dave and Jennie raised their family in South Holland, Ill. He worked in I.T. at Allis-Chalmers for most of his career, but also GADS, R.R. Donnelley, Palos Community Hospital, and did I.T. consulting before retirement.

Dave loved the Lord, going to church, and music—listening, singing, or playing. He was a man of varied interests, including classical and choral music, cars, White Sox baseball, politics, and any activities his grandsons enjoyed. Dave was always ahead of the curve with new technology, and could be counted on to fix everything from computers to car motors. He was equally as comfortable chairing a church committee as he was tinkering underneath his Mopar or tuning up an ATV for his grandsons to ride. Dave's sharp wit and dry sense of humor showed him to be a keen observer of life. He was proud of

his service in the Navy and shared great stories and recipes from his friends and travels around the world. Later in life Dave and Jennie split time between Texas and Michigan, chasing the heat and enjoying their favorite Mexican cuisine in the Rio Grande Valley. He was a loving husband, a caring father, and a loyal friend to those all over the world who were fortunate enough to know him. Our hearts are heavy but we rejoice in his homecoming in heaven. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jennie, three children: Mary (Jerry) Zandstra of Big Rapids, Mich., Jim (Gretchen) Van Duyn of Wheaton, Ill., Rachel Vandebroek of Grand Rapids, Mich.; 10 grandsons: James (Laura) Zandstra, Thomas (Beth) Zandstra, Jacob Zandstra, Andrew Van Duyn, John Van Duyn, Joseph Van Duyn, Matthew Van Duyn, Caleb Vandebroek, Samuel Vandebroek, Simon Vandebroek; great-granddaughter Delphine Zandstra, his in-laws: Susie Kravig, Tom (Mary) De Vries, Ken (Denise) Bootsma, and many extended family members.

A funeral service with military honors will be held at 11:30 a.m. (Eastern Time), Saturday, February 26, 2022, at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland, Mich., 49464. Visitation will be 9:30–11:15 a.m. Saturday, prior to the funeral service. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Back to God Ministries International (ReFrame Ministries).

Cemetery Details

Zeeland Cemetery (Original Cemetery)

220 East Lincoln Avenue
Zeeland, MI 49464

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of David Lee Van Duyn*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 26, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of David Lee Van Duyn*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 25, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *David Lee Van Duyn*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM

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“ *One of his favorite things*



Mary Zandstra - February 25, 2022 at 08:53 AM

RV

“ *The most recent car assistance I got from Dad was how to buy/replace a battery for Samuel's Jeep earlier this month. Over the phone, he talked me through the selections at Walmart and then reminded me "black, red, red, black." We all pitched in to get the job done.*



Rachel Lynn V - February 25, 2022 at 07:07 AM

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“ *I shared just a few of our memories of Dave, No I want to tell you how we will miss Dave. He was the type of man you knew would always be there. It's heart breaking to think of him as being gone, I see his picture, and just can't believe it. He was a good friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Pennie Drosy - February 24, 2022 at 08:31 PM

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“ My husband Bill and I were neighbors of Dave and Jennie's in Harlingen, TX. We couldn't ask for better neighbors. Dave always had time to visit when we were outside. and he had that great dry sense of humor, and would get the little grin on his face. .He made good use of his bike. Many times we would seem him riding off to enjoy the weather and get a little excersise. He was quite the guy!

Pennie Drosy - February 24, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Lee Van Duyn.



February 24, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of David Lee Van Duyn.



February 23, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Lee Van Duyn.



February 22, 2022 at 04:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of David Lee Van Duyn.



February 21, 2022 at 09:22 PM