



## David Lee Vander Kooi

November 1, 1940 - May 7, 2026

David Lee Vander Kooi, age 85, of Zeeland, passed away Thursday, May 7, 2026, at Holland Hospital.

David was very active in local politics serving on Holland City Council (formed the airport authority, started Evergreen Commons with Ed Prince, purchased the Van Raalte Farm property); Ottawa County Board of Commissioners (Board Chairman two times, started County Park Commission); Ottawa County Road Commission (Chairman three times, State Chair of Southern Association, State Chair Road Commission Public Relations Committee, Life Member State Road Commission). He also had over 30 years in public service on the Ottawa County Fair Board (President in their 50th anniversary year); Holland JC President; JC National Director; JC Ambassador to the country of Belize in 1976; Holland Harbor Lighthouse (Big Red) Historical Commission; eight years with Boy Scout Troop 157 at Calvary on 8th (five years honor troop on Mackinac Island, helped cook for 60 scouts and 10 leaders); and Royal Parkside Board for 25 years. He also worked at Haworth and retired as a Sales Manager from Trendway. He was a member of Calvary on 8th Church.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Anna Mae Vander Kooi; sisters, Kristi Lynn Vander Kooi and Charlene Ten Broek; and brothers-in-law, Lonnie Ten Broek and Terry Vande Water.

David is survived by his:

Wife of 63 years, Bonnie Vander Kooi

Sons

Matthew (Rebecca) Vander Kooi of Holland

Gregg Vander Kooi of Holland

Grandchildren

Anna (Nate) Schulz

Holly Vander Kooi

Megan Vander Kooi

Great Grandchildren

Will Schulz

Maddy Schulz

Sister

Janice (Ron) Mulder of Schoolcraft

In-Laws

Nancy Vander Water of Zeeland

Fonda (Bill) Marlink of Hudsonville

Kenlyn (Mike) Moon of Ft. Collins, CO

Funeral services are planned for 11:00am Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Calvary on 8th Church, 995 E 8th St., Holland, with Rev. Daniel Carter officiating. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation is scheduled for 5:00-7:00pm Tuesday, May 12, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S State St., Zeeland. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association and Hospice of Holland. Condolences may be left online at

[www.yntemafh.com](http://www.yntemafh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Restlawn Memorial Gardens

994 Paw Paw Dr  
Holland, MI 49423  
(616) 396-4949

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 12.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home  
251 South State Street  
Zeeland, MI 49464

## Funeral Service

**MAY 13.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Calvary on 8th  
995 East 8th Street  
Holland, MI 49423

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - May 12 at 08:50 AM

DS

*Bonnie, are thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*David Sebens*

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**David Sebens** - May 12 at 11:45 AM

LB

“ *Dear Bonnie, I just learned of David's passing and didn't know about his services. I want to pass on my condolences to you and your family. I just got off the phone with Ron and Jan Mulder so got caught up. Praying for you as you make live adjustments. Lynn Bekins*

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**Lynn Van Eden Bekins** - May 13 at 01:46 PM

MV

“ *Bonnie, I am so sorry for your loss. Mary VanVels*

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**Mary VanVels** - May 13 at 12:45 PM

JA

“ Bonnie, I am so sorry to hear of your husband’s passing. May you feel God’s peace and comfort in the days ahead. Also the love of family and friends.  
Judy Van Appledorn

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**Judy Van Appledorn** - May 12 at 10:57 AM



“ Bonnie and family...I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I always loved his sense of humor. He will be missed. Rick and Sue Woodard

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**Susan Woodard** - May 10 at 10:29 PM

DH

“ Dave was a valuable and successful Director of engineering at Trendway for many years. He was an endeared coworker who will be missed

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**Don Heeringa** - May 10 at 10:00 AM

DW

“ I was David's pastor at the Calvary Reformed Church, and he was one of my best deacons. I have good memories of him and his family. My daughter Jennifer was a classmate of one of his sons; she also sends her remembrances of good times. We both promise our prayers of thanksgiving for him and for comfort for all who miss him.  
Dennis Wilcox

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**Dennis Wilcox** - May 09 at 01:49 PM

MD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dave’s passing. Bonnie and family, you have my sincere condolences, and prayers. Dave left an abundance of great memories from Trendway and on to RV’ing! Marlene DeKoeyer

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marlene Dekoeyet - May 08 at 07:30 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Lee Vander Kooi.



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May 08 at 05:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Lee Vander Kooi.

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May 08 at 05:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Lee Vander Kooi.



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May 08 at 09:49 AM