



## Delia Jonker

November 6, 1921 - November 28, 2017

Delia (Roels) Jonker, 96 of Holland passed away peacefully, November 28, 2017 at Appledorn Living Center. Delia was a kind, caring and loving wife and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Delia was predeceased by her parents, John and Bertha Roels and her in-laws Rev. Peter and Minnie Jonker. She was also predeceased by two brothers, Jason and Paul Roels, Jason's wife Julia, and in-laws Peter and Vonnie Jonker, Joe and Nell VanderLeek, Ann Wyngarden and Ruth Jonker. She is survived by her loving husband of 75 years, Jerry Jonker, her children, James and Janice Jonker and Robert and Nancy Jonker, 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren: Barb Jonker and Hans Larsen (Max and Dale) Betsy and Craig Oosterhouse (James and John), Lisa and Doug Klamer (Hannah and Heidi), Laura and Andrew Plantenga (Keegan and Audrey), Jonathan Jonker and Benjamin Jonker. She is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law Reverend Dr. Edwin and Bertie Roels, brother-in-law Dr. Milton Wyngarden and sister-in-law, Arloa Roels. Delia graduated from Holland Christian High School after transferring there for her Senior year. Her classmates nicknamed her "The Beloved Stranger" because they were instantly drawn to her quiet warmth and charm even though she was with them only a short time. Delia also graduated from Holland Business College and became very accomplished in shorthand, the "instant messaging" of a much earlier time. She worked as a Secretary for a year at Holland Furnace Company. Much later in life, she also worked as a secretary with her

husband as they both worked without pay to support the ministry of the Back to God Hour. Delia happily invested most of her years as a faithful homemaker and tireless supporter of her husband and children. She delighted in them as much as they delighted in her. Delia was a faithful member of and very active in Bethany Christian Reformed Church, where she was a member of the Bethany Guild, Dorcas Society, Christian School Circle and Couples Club. She also served faithfully for many years as a Sunday school teacher. Delia was well loved and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. We wish to thank the staff at Appledorn Living Center as well as Hospice of Holland for outstanding care of Delia during these last 5 years. Most of all we thank our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for His care and the sure promise of eternal life for Delia. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2017 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland. The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Bethany Christian Reformed Church, 11 East 32nd Street, Holland. Interment will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Back to God Ministries International or Hospice of Holland. [www.langelandsterenbergh.com](http://www.langelandsterenbergh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Delia Jonker*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"So sorry to hear of Delia's passing. I always remember how pretty I thought she was--a real beauty. Reading about her, I realize she was beautiful inside and out.Barbara Narland Oliver, a cousin"*

**Barbara** - December 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Sorry we just found out about Delia's passing and so are unable to go to the funeral or visitation. Our sympathy to Jerry and his family. These are truly special people. She will be missedDon and Shirley Oppenhuizen"*

**A friend** - December 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"We are sorry for your loss she was a beautiful lady and surely a blessed one one of gods perfect angels ,she will be missed"*

**Fran Twiest** - December 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Prayers for all of you during this time of grief and transition. Betsy Kamphuis"*

**Betsy Kamphuis** - November 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“*Delia will be missed dearly. Her warm smile made my day at work so great. I will miss Delia.*”

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**Sheila Potthoff** - November 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM