



Dennis "Denny" Kempkers

April 18, 1953 - February 17, 2025

Dennis "Denny" Kempkers age 71, of Hamilton, died Monday, February 17, 2025 at his home following a brief battle with Pancreatic Cancer.

Denny was the son of Wallace and Florence Kempkers and was a charter member of Haven Reformed Church, where he served on the property committee for many years as well as led the team who ran the sound system. Denny was a veteran of the Air Force National Guard.

He worked for Meyering Insurance starting in 1982 and eventually retired as an owner after many years as an agent. He served on the Hamilton Community School's Board of Education for 10 years. Hunting was one of Denny's favorite hobbies. He enjoyed spending time in Illinois with his son Kyle guiding for deer. His love for hunting was not only passed along to Kyle but his granddaughters, Ryleigh and Ashtyn. He took great pride in watching their love of the sport grow and was so proud to be with both of them when they got their first deer and turkeys. Denny also loved to fish. He spent many hours in the boat fishing alongside of Kyle and traveling to many different states for tournaments. Denny was also a very avid golfer, even achieving a hole in one in 2023. His love for golf had him spending many days during the week at Diamond Springs Golf Course where you could find him golfing with his wife Becky, many friends and even working as a ranger. It brought him great joy to watch his granddaughters also develop a love of the game, he

rarely missed a golf match.

Denny is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rebecca "Becky"; children, Jen and Eric Becksford, Kyle and Amanda Kempkers; granddaughters, Ryleigh and Ashtyn Becksford; brother, Gord and Lisa Kempkers; in-laws, David and Beverly DeHaan, Sue and Bob Beelen, Diane and Jim Lautenbach, MaryEllen and Todd Muilenburg; stepsiblings, Jan and Arkie Goodin, Fran Kempkers; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Barbie, and sisters-in-law, Judy and Laurel; stepsiblings, Ted Kempkers, Norma and Dale DeWitt, and Donna and John Gingrich

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 21, 2025 at Haven Reformed Church, 4691 Oak Street, Hamilton. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery, Hamilton. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday, February 20, at Haven Reformed Church. Memorial contributions may be given to the Hospice Organization of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Hamilton, MI 49419

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Haven Reformed Church
4691 Oak St.
Hamilton, MI 49419

Memorial Service

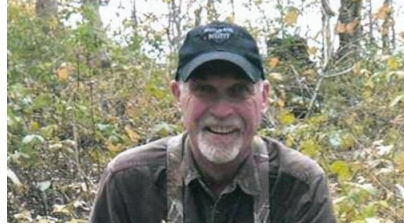
FEB **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Haven Reformed Church
4691 Oak St.
Hamilton, MI 49419

Tribute Wall



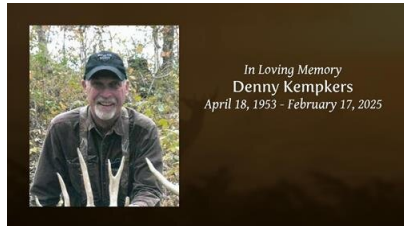
“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Dennis "Denny" Kempkers*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 24, 2025 at 07:34 AM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis "Denny" Kempkers*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 20, 2025 at 11:38 AM

NS

“ *Becky you and your family are in my thoughts, heart and prayers. I think the absolute world of you and just want you to know I am thinking of you.*

Naomi Shashaguay - February 23, 2025 at 09:29 AM

GF

“ Gritter Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Dennis "Denny" Kempkers.



Gritter Family - February 20, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MG

“ Michael G. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis "Denny" Kempkers.



Michael G. - February 20, 2025 at 01:57 PM

JK

“ I want to express my sympathies to Becky and the family during this time. I am out of town and unable to attend the funeral.

I appreciated the years of service that Denny gave to the Hamilton Community Schools Board of Education. He was conscientious during his time, had the pulse of the district and it was obvious to everyone that he cared deeply for the students. He will be missed.

Jim Kos

Jim Kos - February 19, 2025 at 10:05 PM

BK

Thank you Jim. You two talked almost daily for a time. He appreciated you too. Becky

Becky Kempkers - February 21, 2025 at 09:11 PM

HM

“ Hamilton Macatawa purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Dennis "Denny" Kempkers.



Hamilton Macatawa - February 19, 2025 at 06:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Kempkers.



February 19, 2025 at 01:47 PM

JP

“ Denny was a great insurance guy but an even better friend. Our thoughts and prayers go with the family.
Bob and Junior Post

Junior Post - February 19, 2025 at 01:20 PM

BK

He valued your friendship too

Becky Kempkers - February 21, 2025 at 09:12 PM

PH

“ Post H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" Kempkers.

Post H. - February 19, 2025 at 01:16 PM

SM

“ Shae & John Mellstead purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dennis "Denny" Kempkers.



Shae & John Mellstead - February 19, 2025 at 01:11 PM

MT

“ Matt and Cassy Timmer purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dennis "Denny" Kempkers.



Matt and Cassy Timmer - February 19, 2025 at 12:30 PM

TF

“ The VanDam Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Dennis "Denny" Kempkers.



The VanDam Family - February 19, 2025 at 11:02 AM

TF

“ The VanDam Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" Kempkers.

The VanDam Family - February 19, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Kempkers.*



February 18, 2025 at 09:32 PM