



Dennis Jay Gebben

August 24, 1943 - March 16, 2025

Dennis Gebben, 81, of Zeeland, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 16, 2025.

Dennis was born August 24, 1943, in Zeeland, Michigan, to Albert and Kathryn (Nagelkirk) Gebben. He graduated from Holland Christian High School, Grand Valley State College, and Western Michigan University. He married Nancy Ver Hulst in 1967. Dennis was an environmental geologist and worked most of his professional career at Williams and Works Engineering. Later in life he worked in real estate, specializing in farmland, and did some environmental consulting.

Dennis was strong in his faith and was a member of Third Reformed Church where he served as an elder and deacon. He served as a Zeeland City Council member and later on the Holland Township Planning Commission for several years. Dennis also served his country for four years in the U.S. Air Force in the 1960's.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nancy, their children and grandchildren, Dan Gebben, Katie and Dayne Jarvis (Josie, Stella, Addy, Gabe), Kristin and Duncan Jackson (Lily), Kara and John Green (Penny, Lucy, Owen), siblings: Barb Schmidt, Ruth and Ron Grassmid, John and Jan Gebben, Steve and Bev Gebben; sister-in-law Helen Ver Hulst, and many extended family

members.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 am, Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Third Reformed Church, 111 W. 13th Street, Holland MI 49423. Visiting hours will be 5:00-8:00 PM, Friday, March 21, also at Third Reformed Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Third Reformed Church, Resthaven, or NPR Blue Lake 88.9 FM.

Arrangements are by the Yntema Funeral Home, 251. St State Street, Zeeland MI 49464.

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Third Reformed Church
111 West 13th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Memorial Service

MAR **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Jay Gebben*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - March 21, 2025 at 12:46 PM

MC

So sorry for your loss. Your dad was such a kind man and I will miss talking to him by the mailbox and waving to him on the front porch.

Meri Carpenter - March 21, 2025 at 07:47 PM

KM

Hi Nancy, what a lovely tribute of your and Dennis's life together. I am so sad to read of his passing. The picture of Dennis and his horse is so touching. And the children, they all grew up! Stay well, if you are still on Perry, I might pop in to give you a hug. We live quite close. Karen Michmerhuizen

Karen Michmerhuizen - March 28, 2025 at 05:25 PM

MD

“ *Marthe D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Jay Gebben.*

Marthe D. - March 22, 2025 at 06:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis Jay Gebben.

March 21, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Jay Gebben.



March 21, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis Jay Gebben.

March 21, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ The Nagelkirk cousins purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dennis Jay Gebben.



The Nagelkirk cousins - March 20, 2025 at 09:24 PM

CK

“ Nancy and family.
I am sorry to hear about the passing of Dennis. I have such good memories of your family coming to Bosch's Restaurant and sharing life together. Hugs to all of you.
Cheryl Wasson Klingenberg

Cheryl Wasson Klingenberg - March 18, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dennis Jay Gebben.



March 18, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis Jay Gebben.

March 18, 2025 at 12:10 PM

GD



Graham Duryee - March 18, 2025 at 09:55 AM

JM

“ Jeff, Laura, Connor and Leighton Malec purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dennis Jay Gebben.



Jeff, Laura, Connor and Leighton Malec - March 17, 2025 at 10:14 PM

KB

“ I remember a horseback ride with Dennis and Nancy in Lake Placid, NY, as well as one in their Zeeland pasture. I recall sharing many a happy meal with him around the family table, including one of tasty burritos he, himself, made. I was encouraged by the prayerful letter of support he wrote to me as an elder, while I was undergoing cancer treatment. Dennis' faith was expressed in his work, in his generous service to Church, community, and nation. The joy of life with his family was a delight to behold. Thanks be to God for gifting us with Dennis. We rest assured that nothing, not even death, separates us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Rev. Kathy Jo Blaske

Kathy Jo Blaske - March 17, 2025 at 05:59 PM

KM

“ Oh Nancy, so sorry to read this. God has his arms around you.

Karen Michmerhuizen - March 17, 2025 at 01:07 PM