



## Dennis "Denny" Schepel

June 14, 1953 - November 11, 2020

Dennis Lee Schepel, age 67, of Holland, passed away on, Wednesday, November 11, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. Denny was born in Zeeland, Michigan and attended Zeeland Public Schools. He was a missionary for the Christian Reformed Church of North America serving in Guatemala and then several years in Nigeria, Africa where he was a builder of churches, homes and hospitals. He worked for many years in sales for Lakewood Process Machinery of Holland where he traveled extensively to Chile, South America. As Denny followed his career path, he eventually became a vice president and part owner of both LPM and Fab Tech Industries. Denny was a member of Beechwood Reformed Church. He was a gifted musician with a love for the guitar and the country music instilled in him by his parents. He participated in Street Performers in downtown Holland for several years, donating any earnings to a local charity. Denny enjoyed spending time hunting, fishing and big lake boating. He and his wife were active members of Anchorage Marina and Yacht Club where he served for several years on the Board of Directors and as a Flag Officer/Commodore. Denny had his private pilot's license and found great joy in flying high above Holland and Lake Michigan. He and Barbara were fortunate to be able to travel extensively for both his job and for pleasure. Denny was a loving husband, father, grandfather, who was known for telling crazy jokes, fishing with his grandkids, and instilling in them his love for boating in both Michigan and Florida. He also enjoyed using his prized Big Green Egg for cook outs

with family and friends and grilled one of the best steaks you have ever tasted. He will be deeply missed by those who survive including: his wife, Barbara (Doerr) Schepel; children: Kori Podjan, Jenni (Jeff) Palsrock, Sheri (Shaun) Harcourt, Lance Viau, Trent (Traci) Viau; grandchildren: Alison, Ethan, Chase, Jonny, Henry, Natalie, Max, Benson, Kendall, Jackson, Lucas, Addison, Connor, Kenzie, and Claire; siblings: Marla (Jack) Ziel, Kevin (Tracy) Schepel; as well as many in-laws and extended family. A private memorial service is planned for 1:00pm Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Beechwood Reformed Church. This service will be livestreamed for those not able to attend and will be available from the "Watch" ==> "Livestream" tab at: [www.beechwoodchurch.org](http://www.beechwoodchurch.org). Visitation will be 5:00-8:00pm Friday, November 27 at Yntema Funeral Home, Zeeland. Memorial contributions may be given to Faith Hospice or Zeeland Christian Schools. The family is being served by Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland, MI 49464. To leave a message for the family, please visit [www.yntemafh.com](http://www.yntemafh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis "Denny" Schepel*

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Barb, so sorry to hear of Denny's passing, we pray for strength for you and your family in this time of sorrow .. Neal and Mardi Smith, neighbor's on W. Perry circle"*

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**Mardi Smith SMITH** - November 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Larry and I join you in grieving the loss of Denny. Our friendship has weathered many years and we will deeply miss Denny. We loved hanging with the two of you. Our hearts are broken. We pray that in time, rich memories will fill the void. Barb, Kori, Jenni, Shari, Lance and Trent, we know the deep loss you are experiencing...may God carry each of you during this time. Love each of you! Love Larry and Pam"*

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**Pam Maat** - November 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dearest Mrs. Barb & Family, May you feel the deep concern, love and prayers during this difficult time. Know that your faith, family and friends are always there for you. Sincerely, Kevin"*

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**Kevin Wiersma** - November 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JV

“*Dear Barb and family, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I hope in time you can rejoice knowing he is spending eternity in paradise. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*Jane (Wall Veneklasen”

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**Jane Veneklasen** - November 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PR

“*Kori,  
So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
Pam and Jody Ramaker”*

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**Pam Ramaker** - November 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“*Barb, I am so sorry to hear of Denny's passing. I did not have the opportunity to meet him but he sounded like such a wonderful, caring and talented person. My thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.”*

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**Judy Budden** - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MM

“*Barb, I am so sorry to hear this. You and Denny made an amazing impact on a lot of lives by the love that you showed to each other, all the time. I was always welcome in your home, and I will always remember that. Condolences. Kori, Jenni, Sheri, Lance and Trent, you are all in my thoughts. My deepest sympathies on your loss.”*

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**Matt McGinn** - November 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JS

“We are so sorry, Denny was such a sweet, kind man, and will be forever missed❤️”

Jim and Lynn Smith - November 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GA

“Barb, you have our deepest sympathies. I pray God will help heal the pain and emptiness in you are feeling now.”

Gale - November 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MS

“We are so sorry for your loss. Les and I are thinking about you and here if there is anything you need. Maureen and Les Smith”

Maureen Smith - November 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LS

“Oh Dear Barb & family, Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. Cherish your memories & hold them near & dear to your hearts. Love, Linda & Dick Schaftenaar”

Linda Schaftenaar - November 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DM

“Barb, you have our deepest sympathy. It was a pleasure getting to know you and Denny and witness your Christian marriage. Dave & I strive to follow that same example and cherish our memories.”

David Mast - November 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JS

“*Jen - we are so sorry for your loss. Our love and prayers go with you and your family as you mourn your dad but also celebrate his wonderful life.*”

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**Judi Steenwyk** - November 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

IL

“*Gecondoleerd met het verlies van Denny. Namens Fam.Konijnenbelt. Ina van Lindenberg -Konijnenbelt*”

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**Ina Van Lindenberg** - November 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FS

“*Dawn and my hearts are broken. Denny was such an important part of our lives. Fishing, hunting, vacationing or simply being with Denny and Barb was central to our lives. We are proud to have Denny as our friend, we will miss him terribly.*”

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**Fred Sprague** - November 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JM

“*Barb, I am so sorry for your loss. Ron and I are thinking of you and your family during this awful time. Please accept our sincerest sympathies.*”

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**Joan Mack** - November 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

ST

“*Our deepest sympathies to you Barb and all the family. May the love he had for you bring you comfort.*”

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**Steve** - November 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HE

“*Barb and family, my deepest sympathies go out to you in the death of Denny. Great guy and always enjoyed his singing!*”

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**Hennie Elsinga** - November 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM