



Dolores "Laurie" Vanden Heuvel

May 24, 1938 - April 6, 2025

Mrs. Vanden Heuvel's service will be live streamed and can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2rglGY9agM>

Dolores "Laurie" Vanden Heuvel, age 86 of Holland passed away Sunday, April 6, 2025.

She is survived by her children: Geoffrey and Darlene Vanden Heuvel, Jane and Drew Jelgerhuis, Joel and Deb Vanden Heuvel, Jim and Ruth Vanden Heuvel, and Jon and Vicki Vanden Heuvel; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; her brother Ron and Gert Van Putten; and her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Mary and Jim Zuidema, and Bill and Ellen Vanden Heuvel.

Laurie was born on May 24, 1938, in Grand Rapids, MI to Jacob and Marie Van Putten. She was preceded in death by her husband Reverend Thomas C. Vanden Heuvel, her infant son, Daniel Lee Vanden Heuvel, and her siblings and their spouses: Peter Van Putten, Mary Van Putten, and Allen and Sharon Van Putten and her brother-in-law and sisters-in-law Reverend Henry and Nancy Vanden Heuvel, and Marilyn Vanden Heuvel.

Laurie was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and servant of God whose life was guided by her commitment to Jesus Christ and her desire to serve

God's purposes in the world. This conviction shaped her work, her relationships, and how she spent her time.

Laurie was an early leader in the pro-life movement, advocating for the protection of human life at every stage. She was also involved in Christian publishing, working as an editor for journals focused on the authority of Scripture and preservation of the historic Reformed faith. She wrote Bible studies and catechism materials, helping young and old alike understand the truth of the Bible. Her doctrinal publications were shared among many churches and taught in the homes of families, including her own children and grandchildren.

Laurie was a natural and gifted teacher throughout her career, working in Christian schools across multiple states. Her passion for knowledge was matched only by her desire to share it clearly and faithfully. She also had a heart for hospitality, inviting guests into her home—from travelers to church members and missionaries. Her home was a place where people of all racial and cultural backgrounds felt appreciated, cared for, and encouraged.

Music was another important part of Laurie's life. She played both the piano and organ for church services and special occasions, and she taught lessons. One of her favorite and most memorable activities was playing the "Hallelujah Chorus" every Christmas.

Laurie loved to travel and took trips to South America, Europe, Africa, South Korea, and across the United States and Canada. She organized family vacations to all regions of the country, with five kids, a tent trailer, cook stove, plenty of sports equipment, and plenty of special treats. These travels were often tied to her deep sense of adventure and reflected her interest in the wider creation, always reminding her family of God's work in it.

Laurie was a faithful pastors wife and served churches with him at: Bethel Christian Reformed Church (CRC), Waupun, WI, Brookfield CRC, Milwaukee, WI, Central Avenue CRC, Holland, MI, First CRC, Chino, CA, First CRC, Orange City, IA, First CRC, Byron Center, MI, Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA), Holland, MI, and Seventh Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

Visitation will be 6-8 pm Thursday, April 10, 2025, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland. The memorial service to honor the life of Laurie Vanden Heuvel will be held at 12 pm Friday, April 11, 2025, at Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church, 259 Central Ave, Holland. Interment will be in Garfield Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Mid-America Reformed Seminary. www.langelandsterenbergh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 East 16th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Memorial Service

APR **11**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church
259 Central Ave.
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dolores "Laurie" Vanden Heuvel*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - April 10, 2025 at 10:46 AM

HE

“ *My sincere sympathy to the immediate family members of Laurie as well as to the extended family members who mourn her loss. My wife and I have many fond memories of Tom and Laurie which we genuinely cherish. My prayers are with you all at this time. Rev. Harlan Vanden Einde*

Harlan Vanden Einde - April 10, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dolores "Laurie" Vanden Heuvel.*

April 09, 2025 at 04:29 PM

TT

“ To all the family, with heartfelt condolences as you process Laurie's homecall (Is. 66:13).

From days at Seventh Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, fondly remembering her gifted and gracious dedication to her God and Savior, her family, and the church. She will be missed.

Tim and Brenda Trumper.

(Our apologies for missing the visitation and funeral on account of our recent call to ministry in Utah.)

Tim J. R. Trumper - April 08, 2025 at 11:52 PM

MT

“ Drew and Jane and family; My sympathy to you in the passing of your mother, grandmother. I remember her as a very nice lady and always easy to talk to. ..Marcia Ten Broeke

Marcia J TenBroeke - April 08, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dolores "Laurie" Vanden Heuvel.*



April 08, 2025 at 03:44 PM

JC

“ *Joan, Bob, Sue & Steve, Mark & Colleen purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Dolores "Laurie" Vanden Heuvel.*



Joan, Bob, Sue & Steve, Mark & Colleen - April 08, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dolores "Laurie" Vanden Heuvel.*



April 07, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dolores "Laurie" Vanden Heuvel.*

April 07, 2025 at 09:46 PM

DR

“ *Debra Van Putten and Vicki Ruiten purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dolores "Laurie" Vanden Heuvel.*



Debra Van Putten and Vicki Ruiten - April 07, 2025 at 07:57 PM

AH

“ We send our Christian sympathy to our all our cousins. "Aunt Laurie" will always hold a special place in our hearts. On a visit with Tom & Laurie several years ago, I marveled at their commitment to always the telephone - a commitment they made throughout their ministry and on into retirement to help anyone who may be calling with a need that they could meet.

Andrew & Laura Vanden Heuvel - April 07, 2025 at 07:56 PM

RF

“ Ron & Gertrude Van Putten & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dolores "Laurie" Vanden Heuvel.



Ron & Gertrude Van Putten & Family - April 07, 2025 at 04:33 PM

VD

“ I have such warm memories of her playing "The Hallelujah Chorus" on the organ at Christmas time at First Byron CRC...she's a legend in my mind because of how she made that organ perform

Vonda Dekleine - April 07, 2025 at 02:29 PM