



## Donald Genzink

April 23, 1929 - August 13, 2022

Donald Genzink, 93, trusting child of God, passed on to eternal life Saturday morning, August 13, 2022, at Riley's Grove Assisted Living in Zeeland.

To view the livestream of the service, please visit; <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnOOuBmwmpOda3TWzAcHBbQ?app=desktop>

Don was born April 23, 1929, the seventh of nine children to George and Maggie Genzink, in Holland, Michigan. Don was forced to leave school at the end of eighth grade when his older brothers left to fight in the war (1942). Three years later his father died of a heart attack, leaving the responsibility of supporting his mother and six siblings up to him. At age 18 he went to work for H.J. Heinz where he learned how to weld. In 1950, he married Grethel Stegink and he went on to work for IXL, Roamer Boat and Chris Craft in addition to running his own 80 acre farm.

In 1961 Don bought a portable welder and started Don Genzink Portable Welding which evolved into Genzink Steel Supply and Welding Company. He took great pride in the company and was thankful to God for all the employees and the work they were able to accomplish over the years.

Don and Grethel were charter members of Park Christian Reformed Church but spent most of their lives as members of Graafschap CRC, where Grethel

was organist and Don served multiple terms as deacon, elder, catechism and Sunday School teacher. Grethel died of pancreatic cancer in 1992, and Don married Alice Jellema in 1996. Together they spent a number of winters volunteering with Wycliffe Associates in Orlando, Florida, where Don used his skills in steel fabrication and construction. Don also served on the board of Kuyper College in Grand Rapids.

After retirement, Don spent most of his time on his “farm” property (G Lake) south of Holland. You could always find him out there on his tractor or loader, moving dirt around, burning brush, mending fences, trimming trees, anything to improve the land. His love for the property was very evident and he loved to share it with his family and others, hosting many family events and reunions over the years.

Don is survived by his children: Dave and Deb (Van Lonkhuyzen) Genzink, Mark and Donna (Jipping) Genzink, Kathy and Dan Walcott, Ken and Jane (Prins) Genzink, Sue and Ron Geerlings, and Laurie and Jay Prins; his brother, Paul Genzink; Grethel’s family: Lois Stegink, Larry and Harlean Stegink, John and Eunice Stegink, Pat Buursma, Eileen and Jim Dolbee; Alice’s family: Clara TenHarmsel, John Jellema, Sue Postma, Arlene and Dean Rosendahl. He is also survived by 21 grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 19 step-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his first wife, Grethel, in 1992 and his second wife, Alice, in 2021; daughter-in-law, Rhonda (DeBoer) Genzink, son-in-law, Brian Lohr, step-grandson, Aric Potter; brothers, sisters and in-laws: Ed and Florena Genzink, Jeanette and Jay Kooiker, Aleda and Jerald Lubbers, Hilda and Jud Volkers, Ruth and Howard Tucker, Jim and Gladys Genzink, Marvin and Viola Genzink; Grethel’s family: Reverend Martin Stegink, Ed and Julia Berkompas, Andrew Buursma; Alice’s family: Jerry Jellema, Ed and Jane

Koetje, Harvey TenHarmsel, Mildred Jellema.

The family would like to thank the staff at Riley's Grove and Hospice of Holland for their patient and tender care of Don during his final months.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11am, Wednesday, August 17 at Graafschap CRC, 5973 Church Street, Holland, MI 49423. Visitation will be held from 4-7pm, Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at Graafschap Church. Burial will be in Graafschap Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to World Renew, <https://worldrenew.net/> or Resonate Global Mission, <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/>.

# Cemetery Details

## Graafschap Cemetery

32nd Steet at Graafschap Road  
Holland, MI 49423

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Graafschap Christian Reformed Church  
5973 Church Street  
Holland, MI 49423

## Funeral Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Graafschap Christian Reformed Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Genzink*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Sympathy to Pam and Steve as you miss your father in the days to come.*

**Bill and Norma Bruinsma** - August 21, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ *We were certainly blessed to have known Uncle Don for as long as we did. Marrying our Aunti (Alice) Ali, Uncle Don brought such joy to our large extended family (Jellema's) just as we are sure Aunti Ali showered on your beautiful Genzink families. Many condolences to everyone for your loss, Julie (Jellema) and Rick McGuirk and children, and Susan (Jellema) Postema.*

**Julie (Jellema) McGuirk** - August 16, 2022 at 01:17 PM



*Our family thanks you for your kind words. And "Auntie Ali" brought so much joy to our extended family as well!*

**Mark Donna Genzink** - August 19, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *Sending prayers for peace and comfort as you celebrate Don's life.*

**Marsha and Al McGeehan** - August 16, 2022 at 10:39 AM

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*Our family thanks you for your kind words.*

**Mark Donna Genzink** - August 19, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Genzink.* ”



August 15, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Genzink.* ”



August 15, 2022 at 04:16 PM

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“ *Eric Smith & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald Genzink.* ”



**Eric Smith & Family** - August 15, 2022 at 04:15 PM

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“ I had the privilege of meeting Don when I worked at Genzink Steel. He was in the office often and I enjoyed talking to him. I even played a few rounds of golf with him throughout the years during corporate events. He always made me laugh. My prayers and sympathies go out to his children and grandchildren that I knew; Ken, Mark, Donna, Dave, Joel, and Kathy. In one way or another your entire family has shaped my life and career. I have fond memories of you all and the 20 years that I worked for the Genzink family. I hope that you can find peace in the coming days to comfort you.

*Stephanie Geering*

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**Stephanie Geering** - August 15, 2022 at 12:31 PM

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*Stephanie - thank you so much for your kind words and shared memory of Don. Our family appreciates the time you took to share, as well as coming to the visitation.*

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**Mark Donna Genzink** - August 19, 2022 at 12:40 PM