



## Doug B. Knapp

February 26, 1940 - June 6, 2024

Doug Knapp, age 84, of Holland, went home to his Heavenly Father on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife of 39 years Margie; his children: Kristi and Steve Bareman, and Kurt and Tracy Knapp; his stepchildren: Jane and Joey Eagleston, Susie Shafer, and Jerry and Sue Reid; 22 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren; his sisters: Darla and Harv Ykema, and Darlene and Terry Bouwman; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Jane Walton, Dick and Linda Schaftenaar, and Becky and Rick Van Eenenaam. Doug was preceded in death by his father Albertus Knapp in 2012, his mother Lavina Knapp in 2019, and his step son Bob Reid in 2017.

Doug worked with his dad on his RC Cola route and was driving a truck for him at the age of 14. He worked for Charlie Bard at the A&W drive in where he baked pies and brought trays to car windows. Doug worked for Jake Blackburn at the Sinclair Gas Station and later at Mike's Mobile. At age 18 Doug joined the United States Army. He was a driver for a General and his helicopter pilot, he also served as a guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After his time of service in the military Doug worked again with his dad on his RC Cola Route and eventually bought the route from his dad. He sold the route when deposit on bottles started. He then worked at RC Cola in Muskegon, at Thermotron and Fort's Candies. In his retirement Doug worked

at Steele Enterprise, Macatawa Bay Yacht Club and BVW Property Management. Doug spent over thirty years as an Ottawa County Reserve Officer. He also served as the volunteer head of the Ottawa County Reserve Deputies for much of that time. If that wasn't enough, he drove school bus for West Ottawa Schools.

Doug found joy in boating. He and Margie spent thirty years cruising Lake Michigan on their boat "Knapp Time" where they made many wonderful friends. Doug also served as the Commodore of Anchorage Marina twice. In his spare time he did woodworking, creating beautiful pieces for his grandchildren, friends, churches, and auction fundraising at Anchorage Marina.

Doug's kindness, integrity, and love will forever be remembered and cherished by all who had the privilege to know him.

Visitation will be 4-7 pm, Monday, June 10, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th Street, Holland MI 49423. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at Community Reformed Church, 10376 Felch Street, Zeeland MI 49464. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Holland or Community Reformed Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN **11**. 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM (ET)

Community Reformed Church  
10376 Felch Street  
Zeeland, MI 49464

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Doug B. Knapp*



-----  
**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - June 10, 2024 at 09:49 AM

KW

*Incredible!!!! A lot of history and very pleasant to watch. Thank You!*

-----  
**Ken Wright** - June 11, 2024 at 09:57 PM

MN

“ *Mr. Knapp and my Father served the community together for almost two decades at the Ottawa County Sheriff Dept. I lost my dad on June 7 last yr. Mr. Knapp came to say goodbye to his old partner at the funeral home and we shared some great memories together of time they served. I'm sorry to see he passed away almost exactly a yr later. Thank you Sir for serving the community and being a long time friend of my Father. Condolences to the family.*

-----  
**Mike Nienhuis** - June 14, 2024 at 11:56 AM

LA

“ *Doug truly never met a stranger. He was a mentor to many, and exemplified kindness, tolerance and grace. Because of Doug, I now know how to make a killer Manhattan, (in case that ever comes up).*

*Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

-----  
**Lisa Archer** - June 12, 2024 at 12:39 PM

LK

“ Add "wonderful neighbor" to all the things that made up Doug. Whenever I walked my dog past Doug and Margie's house, I could always count on Doug having a friendly smile and a dog treat ready. Many, many wonderful conversations about the neighborhood, life, and families. I marked the seasons by when he put out and took back the seagulls in their front yard. I often those seagulls. What a life he lived. What a contribution to our world he made. What a loss we are all feeling over his passing.

*LuAnn and Gary Kern, Bella, Sophie, Hayes, and Nola (the dog)*

---

**LuAnn Kern** - June 11, 2024 at 09:10 AM

DP

“ We knew Doug from his time at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. He ran the ground maintenance team which was made up of high school age students... Doug spent the time teaching the young kids how to do their jobs above and beyond expectations.. lessons they could use in life. .. So you can add mentor and teacher to his resume.. Doug we will miss your smile and hearty "Hello"  
*Buzz and Nancy Perry*

---

**Don Perry** - June 10, 2024 at 04:29 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Doug B. Knapp.



---

June 10, 2024 at 02:30 PM

RM

“ Ron and Jane Meyering planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doug B. Knapp.

---

**Ron and Jane Meyering** - June 10, 2024 at 02:30 PM

JK

“ Doug,

*I remember the day that we joined the Army together. You passed and I failed! This was always good for a laugh later on in life.*

*Take care,*

*Jack and Martha Karsten*

---

**Jack Karsten** - June 10, 2024 at 01:09 PM

RO

“ Sincere sympathy to the entire family. Think my first 'real' job was working with Doug at the Royal Crown distributorship. I remember starting very early and all was manual handling, no high lows, warehouse was a block building with low ceilings so placing cases of pop on the top rack was done bent over, no room to stand up. All fun!! My Dad built a storage shed at the trailer park Doug managed. Doug was a great guy and as others have said, a sense of humor and always a smile. Wish I knew earlier about his military service and other life experiences so we could have talked. Last saw him years ago in the aisle at a big box store. All fond memories.

*Ron and Lanie Knap*

---

**Ron** - June 10, 2024 at 10:36 AM

ML

“ Murray, Alena & Jake will miss Doug, probably the friendliest & most helpful neighbor on the street.

murray leshner - June 09, 2024 at 11:01 PM

ML

“ Murray L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doug B. Knapp.

Murray L. - June 09, 2024 at 10:52 PM

LF

“ Love, The Gollem family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Doug B. Knapp.



Love, The Gollem family - June 09, 2024 at 03:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Doug B. Knapp.



June 09, 2024 at 01:45 PM

AC

“ Anchorage Marina Yacht Club planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doug B. Knapp.

Anchorage Marina Yacht Club - June 09, 2024 at 01:45 PM

TM

“ Margie and family..my most sincere condolences on the passing of Doug. What a sweet, wonderful, fun man to have had the privilege of knowing.

We always greeted each other with "hey buddy" which began with the greeting my parrot Kito greeted Doug with. Doug was Kito's favorite male human. He will miss Doug tremendously as will I. It was a privilege to know when I needed a " parrot sitter" I could always count on the two of you with the knowlege he would be well taken care of and loved. Always loved and forever missed. Love, Thea and Kito.

---

**Thea McKiernan** - June 09, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doug B. Knapp.



---

June 08, 2024 at 10:37 PM

LR

“ Love, Jerry, Sue, Jared, McKenna Reid purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Doug B. Knapp.



---

**Love, Jerry, Sue, Jared, McKenna Reid** - June 08, 2024 at 06:47 PM

PW

“*Doug was a very special cousin to me. He was the only one who ever called me Minnie. I think it was for Minnie Mouse. He had beautiful humor. His mom and my mom were besties and sisters. I treasure the memories that we had together with that extended family. I'm praying for God's powerful comfort right now for his whole family. Until we meet again in heaven!*”

---

**peggy walcott** - June 08, 2024 at 03:36 PM

LP

“*Lynn and Carol Petre  
Our thoughts and prayers are with Margie and the family. Doug was a good man and friend. We will miss you Doug and our marble games and reliving the good old days on the Sherrif Department.  
RIP.*”

---

**Lynn and Carol Petre** - June 07, 2024 at 11:43 PM

DK

“*Kristi and Steve, Kurt and Tracy*

*I am sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I have many great memories of your dad, I will miss his wit everytime we ran into each other.*

*We would always great each other with "Hello Doug Knapp and Hello Doug Knap" People would always look to see what was going on.*

*Sincere sympathy,*

*Doug and Lori Knap*

---

**Doug and Lori Knap** - June 07, 2024 at 10:25 PM

GR

“ Knew Doug from years at Ottawa County Sheriff Dept! RIP Doug 🙏

---

**GrahamDuryee** - June 07, 2024 at 05:32 PM

LM

“ Love: Tucker, Brandey, Becca, and Mia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Doug B. Knapp.



---

**Love: Tucker, Brandey, Becca, and Mia** - June 07, 2024 at 03:05 PM