



## Duane Rotman

September 22, 1946 - May 3, 2025

Duane Rotman, 78, of Holland, passed into eternal peace in the arms of his heavenly Father Saturday, May 3, 2025.

Duane is survived by his children: Kent and Heather Blevins, Steve and Lisa Rotman, Melissa and Tony Knight, Renee and Don Buckley, Anne Marie and John Holder, and Amanda and Alex Polhman, 16 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, his siblings: Dennis Rotman, and Luanne Berghorst, Doug and Sally Rotman, his sisters-in-law: Rebecca Lohone, and Valorie Scott.

He was preceded in death by his wife Shar, his parents Merrill and Leona Rotman, his sister-in-law Jayne Rotman, his brother-in-law Darryl Scott, and his beloved dog Caesar.

Duane was born on September 22, 1946, in Holland, MI. Duane proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, 4th Marine Division and in the Army National Guard for 28 years. Duane was a member of Holland Heights Christian Reformed Church. He worked for 25 years for Transmatic Manufacturing. Duane was a devoted volunteer at the American Red Cross, and the Ottawa County Medical Reserve Corps.

Visitation will be 5-8 pm Thursday, May 8, 2025, at the Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th Street, Holland. Funeral services will be held 12

pm Friday, May 9, 2025, at Holland Heights Christian Reformed Church, 836 E. 8th Street, Holland. Interment with military honors will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Ottawa County Medical Reserve Corps. [www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

MAY 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Holland Heights Christian Reformed Church  
836 E. 8th Street  
Holland , MI 49423

# Tribute Wall



“ Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane Rotman



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - May 07, 2025 at 05:31 PM

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*Duane was the Company Commander of the National Guard unit out of Holland, Co. B/3rd Battalion/126th Infantry. I was ex- Navy, joining the Company during President Carter's "malaise" economy. One month in 1984 or '85, I forgot about our monthly trip to Grayling, MI and missed the bus by an hour, or so. I packed up my gear, hitchhiked to Grayling, but wasn't able to hookup with our unit. Our sister unit gave me a ride back to Wyoming, MI and somehow I made it home from there. Whereas Duane could have disciplined me for missing the bus, he addressed the company and used my story as a positive example of dedication. I was grateful to him both for his leniency and ability to inspire others.*

*On another occasion he asked me to be his driver up in Grayling's outback. I sort of knew the basics of driving a stick shift, but utterly lacked the ability to know when to shift gears. It was a horrid ride and I imagine he was trying to suppress a hearty guffaw at my complete bungle in the "jungle" in Grayling's wilds. I never got called for driver duty again!*

*~ Jim, Weapons Platoon ~*

Jim - February 20 at 03:39 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Duane Rotman.*



May 06, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ *I got to know Duane thru the American Red Cross. He was always an enjoyment to be around. Very friendly and kind. But now he's with the love of his life Shar. Praying for the family in your loss. He will be missed.*

**Ruth Timmer** - May 06, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ *Your Concentra Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Duane Rotman.*



**Your Concentra Family** - May 06, 2025 at 06:50 AM



“ *When I first met Duane, he seemed pretty tough and a little intimidating. That all changed soon after talking to him. That gruff voice was just his character. He was the kindest, most hard working First aid member., but still wanted to have us laugh. He talked about his love for family. He was very caring of others and will be missed.*  
*Deb Kiekoover*

**Deb Kiekoover** - May 05, 2025 at 10:02 PM

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“ Duane was a FANTASTIC Committed volunteer leader for no matter which volunteer T.E.A.M he served on in Ottawa County Most recently the MRC T.E.A.M of Ottawa County and there will be a HUGE (VOID) in ALL of our Hearts for a Very Committed Medical Volunteer Leader and his Leadership Role on the Entire T.E.A.M and may he continue to serve the citizens of HEAVEN in the same capacity that he served the ones on Earth with.

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Kurtis - May 05, 2025 at 09:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duane Rotman.



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May 05, 2025 at 09:03 PM



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

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