



## Edward Lee Koops

August 4, 1938 - September 30, 2022

Edward Lee Koops, age 84, passed away peacefully in his Holland home surrounded by family and into the loving arms of his heavenly father on September 30, 2022, following a battle with Alzheimer's.

Ed was a longtime member of Fourteenth Street Christian Reformed Church and served in various roles such as deacon, elder, and youth leader. He spent over 25 years working at the Holland Post Office until his retirement in 1992. Ed had an affinity for anything sweet, loved coffee, and was well known for his famous Eddie's Homemade bread. You could often find him at his best when tinkering with his classic car collection, amphibious cars, and woodworking. He learned hard work from a young age on his family farm and loved animals and tractors. In Ed's leisure, he enjoyed boating, adventuring, and teasing his kids and grandkids. He even built his own motorhome (featured in the Holland Sentinel), boat and house. He was a man of many talents who worked hard with his hands and played even harder. Ed was a humble, loving man with an impeccable sense of humor, truly, until his last days on this earth.

Ed was known by many nicknames while living on this earth: Eddie, Ed Lee, Uncle Ed, Dad, Grandpa, and Papa Great.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Dr. Hugh Koops; brothers-in-law, Stanley Sluiter, Dr. Paul Brink, and Wayne Westveld; grandson Dalton Koops;

and his son-in-law, Jamie Pratt.

He is survived by his wife Sharon (Deters) Koops; children, Chris (Paul) DeVisser, Paula Pratt, Kurt (Kelly) Koops, and Karla (Paul) Fikse; grandchildren, Cara (David) Williams, Kelly (Adam) Nadeau, Ashley (Steven) Mulholland, Elyse (Bob) Molenhouse, Hannah (Tim) Schroll, Cameron (Allison) Pratt, Cassandra Koops, Braydon Koops, Emma Fikse, Sara Fikse, and Ethan Fikse; great-grandchildren, Zeke, Lex, and Cadence Williams, Margaret, John and Bobby Molenhouse, Leo and Oliver Mulholland, and Clara Schroll; siblings and in-laws, Marilyn Koops, Joyce Sluiter, Karen Brink, Wanda Westveld, and Deb (Chuck) VanFassen; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service is planned for 1:00pm Friday, October 7 at 14th Street Christian Reformed Church, 14 W 14th St., Holland (the place of Ed and Sharon's Marriage 62 years ago). Rev. Ren Broekhuizen will officiate. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation is scheduled for 5:00-8:00pm Thursday, October 6, also at the church.

A big thank you from the bottom of our hearts to Hospice of Holland, for all their help with caring for Ed. Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Schools and Holland Christian Schools. Arrangements are by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at [www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Pilgrim Home Cemetery**

370 E. 16th St.  
Holland, MI 49423

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Watch Memorial Service in memory of Edward Lee Koops*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - October 08, 2022 at 08:56 AM

JG

“ *Sharon and family, sincere condolences to you in the passing of your wonderful husband and father. Sending love, Jane (Houting) Grennes*

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**Jane Grennes** - October 10, 2022 at 09:17 PM

MG

“ *Dear Sharon and Families,*

*We are very sorry for your loss. Ed was a great guy, good friend and a fellow Amphicar Captain. Bella and I had our very 1st IAOC swim in at your house in 2008. What a blast we had and even made it out to Lake Michigan that weekend. We'll miss our Buddy Ed, his funny personality and great times.*

*May God's Blessings be with you Sharon and all of your families during this difficult time.*

*Much love and prayers. Mark n Bella Gizzi.*

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**Mark Gizzi** - October 06, 2022 at 09:51 PM

SB

“ Wanted to make sure this was shared for others to see, from the Amphicar Facebook, as it's truly how we all remember him. My memories of Ed where at a very young age when ever we say him gathering for Amphicar events. Sharron and Ed always had open arms and he was always excited to see everyone. I remember my first time at the house where he showed me his projects with the porthole and of course the trampoline. He had a smile as big as mine. May you Rest In Peace.



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**Susan Baumgardner** - October 04, 2022 at 03:29 PM

DB

“ For over 25 years John, our family (immediate and extended), friends, and I have treasured our friendship with Ed and Sharon. His generosity in sharing amphicar rides with our family members and friends created so many lasting and wonderful memories. Ed's willingness to help out with any challenges and opportunities to tinker and fix things was always a given and reassuring. He was another grandfather and Papa great to our children and grandchildren. He and his contagious smile, positive nature, and truly unselfish giving spirit have always been "precious" and something that we could count on. Ed will be greatly missed, but everyone who knew him is blessed by their time with him in their lives. Our families send Sharon and her family our thanks for sharing Ed, our prayers, and our condolences for their loss. We wish we could be there in person to celebrate Ed's life and the difference that he made.

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**Diana M Bourke** - October 04, 2022 at 10:12 AM

HZ

“ Being in the tourism industry, I worked with Sharon many years and got to be friends with Ed as he usually traveled with her. My favorite memory of Ed was "going for a swim" with him and Sharon in the amphicar on the Cass River in Frankenmuth during the annual Auto Fest. The car quit and we were going to collide with the Bavarian Belle Riverboat, but Ed saved the day!

*Herb Zeilinger  
Frankenmuth*

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**Herb Zeilinger** - October 04, 2022 at 09:15 AM

RC

“ I'm sorry to hear of Mr Koops passing. Growing up as a neighborhood kid I will always remember Mr Koops in his blue postal uniform with his brown leather mail pouch. His and Mrs Koops generosity letting us neighborhood kids swim in their pool and jump on their trampoline and fond memories of playing kick the can in front of their home with Kurt and Karla. My condolences Mrs Koops Christy Paula Kurt and Karla.

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**Rolando Calanchi** - October 03, 2022 at 09:36 PM

JS

“ How do I begin to tell of the sweet and funny memories I have of my little brother from the time he was toilet trained and told Mom he had to go blih-blah, to when he was 5 or 6 and while getting on a load of hay with him, he takes from his pocket a passel of newborn mice causing me to fall off the load, to the time my husband ( for unknown reasons) forgot to get me a Christmas present and Ed scooted off to town to buy a box of chocolates? Always a willing servant, always loving, always kind, always cheerful, always fun. Oh, Ed, how I'll miss you.

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**Joyce Sluiter** - October 03, 2022 at 09:15 PM

SP

“ *Enjoyed working with Ed at HCS! Such a pleasant person. Sorry for your loss.*

Sandy Ponstein - October 03, 2022 at 08:26 PM

JE

“ *We will always remember the time we spent in Mississippi, with all of you! Ed always had the biggest smile! He will be missed, our thoughts are with you as you gather and remember him!*

*Love always,*

*The Ellens' family*

*(Eric, Jo-Anne, Beth, Nathan, Sarah, Sam)*

jo-Anne Ellens - October 03, 2022 at 07:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Lee Koops.*



October 03, 2022 at 05:25 PM

SM

“ *I am so sad for your loss -- Ed was wonderful. You all made our family feel so welcome when we arrived for David and Cara's wedding. Ed made homemade donuts over the open fire on a tripod over the fire pit, out along the beach, and it was such a memorable experience. Our family was so blessed to have known him for just a little while, he was very kind. I am so sad for your loss, you have my deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers.*

Sandra Mann - October 03, 2022 at 05:03 PM

VS

“ Sharon and family,  
In this painful time of grieving. we know how much stress preceded Ed's homegoing. You will always miss his presence but may God's presence give you strength.  
We enjoyed several times together in Alabama and on the lake in your amphicar.  
With love, Vern and Karen Steenwyk

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**Vern and Karen Steenwyk** - October 03, 2022 at 03:59 PM

KB

“ Traveling and camping with uncle Ed while he sang in his loudest, most horrible voice 'Country Road, Take Me Home.' Still brings joy and fond memories. Thank you uncle Ed.

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**Kathy Bull** - October 03, 2022 at 03:59 PM