



## Elaine J. Becksvoort

September 15, 1935 - May 11, 2023

Elaine J. (Bleeker) Becksvoort was called home by her loving Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at the age of 87. She is survived by her husband, Myron (Mike) Becksvoort of 69 years; daughter, Patti (Bob) Schuitema; brother Ken (Gerogiann) Bleeker; son-in-law, William Wolters; and daughter-in-law, Kathy Becksvoort.

Also surviving are grandchildren: Emily Wolters Shemon, Lisa Wolters Ruggeberg, Steven Wolters, Blake Becksvoort, Brooke Becksvoort; great-grandchildren: Alexander, Evelyn and Lucas Shemon, Noelle and Jesse Ruggeberg; in-laws: Barb Becksvoort, Julia Stadt, Ruth Becksvoort, Leona Scholten, Martha and Jim Zylstra.

Born to John and Rena (Dannenberg) Bleeker, on September 15, 1935, she was preceded in death by infant son, Jeffery Scott; son, Thomas Lee Becksvoort; daughter, Lori Jean (Becksvoort) Wolters; brothers: Harry, Arthur, and Laverne Bleeker; and in-laws: Harvey Becksvoort, Arthur and Lois Becksvoort, Jim Becksvoort, Marvin Stadt, and Wayne Scholten.

Her husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were most important to her, and she was a positive force that kept their lives woven together.

Elaine's life was also centered around music. She began piano lessons at the age of 6, organ at age 12, and started her musical career at Bethel Reformed Church at age 13, where she served as pianist/organist for over 50 years. During that time, she served as Director of Music. For many years, she taught private piano and organ lessons and played for numerous weddings and funerals. She was pianist for the Evergreen Chorale's Tulip Time Shows as well as a member of the Sanctuary Choir at Christ Memorial Church and the pianist at the Camp Geneva Sunday Services. Elaine and her husband spent many winters in Florida where she directed a Ladies Chorale group and was pianist for many other musical functions.

A time of visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023 at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Road, Holland (Use Entrance D). A funeral service, with Rev. Mike Pitsenberger officiating and John Bright accompanying, will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the church Chapel. Burial will take place in Graafschap Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the Christ Memorial Church Music Department.

# Cemetery Details

## Graafschap Cemetery

32nd Steet at Graafschap Road  
Holland, MI 49423

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Christ Memorial Church  
595 Graafschap Road  
Holland, MI 49423

*Use Entrance D*

## Funeral Service

MAY 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ Memorial Church  
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*Chapel*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Elaine J. Becksvoort*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - May 13, 2023 at 02:05 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to Mike, Patti and Bob, Bill, Kathy and your families. The Becksvoort family has been a part of my life since childhood in Sandy Subdivision and through the decades with dear friend Patti. I remember Elaine's music room in their home and would often hear her playing the piano or organ when I would stop over to spend time with Patti and Lori. Wonderful memories over the decades. She blessed so many lives! Praying for God's peace and comfort for you all at this time of loss. Take care. Dianne (Steketee) Slager*

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**Dianne Slager** - May 13, 2023 at 07:05 PM

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“ *I had the privilege of knowing Elaine in her later years. I will miss our conversations and the advantage of listening to her play her piano while I worked. Elaine and Mike made a great couple; God and family are central to their life. May her music and love continue as she is reunited with our Heavenly Father and her family who have gone before her.*

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**Lisa Molner** - May 13, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Elaine J. Becksvoort.*



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May 13, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Elaine J. Becksvoort.

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