



## Elmer "Don" Bouwman

January 11, 1933 - March 4, 2026

Elmer "Don" Bouwman, born January 11, 1933, passed away March 4th, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Don was a devoted husband to his wife, Alyce (Allie) Beyer Bouwman, and a proud father to his children, Terry and Cheryl Bouwman, Mary and Scott VanDort, and Don and Jill Bouwman. He was a cherished grandfather to 7 grandchildren and their spouses, a beloved great-grandfather to 18 great-grandchildren, he is also survived by his sister Shirley and Alvin Meiste, his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Ron and Jean Beyer, and Thelma and Larry Rigterink.

Don's life was marked by steady faith and a generous spirit. He was known for his ability to share God's love through simple, meaningful acts of kindness—showing up for others, offering support, and caring for those in need. Whether through a helping hand, a thoughtful word, or quiet service, Don lived his values in a way that made people feel seen and cared for.

Above all, Don will be remembered as a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather—someone who led with love, humility, and compassion. His legacy will continue in the family he cherished and in the many lives he touched.

He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Visitation will be 4-7 pm Sunday, March 8, 2026, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland. The funeral service to honor Don will be held at 2 pm Monday, March 9, 2026, at Third Christian Reformed Church, 10 West Central Avenue, Zeeland. Interment will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be given to Third CRC or Upward Bound. [www.yntamfh.com](http://www.yntamfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home  
251 S State St  
Zeeland , MI 49464  
(616) 772-2173  
info@yntemafh.com  
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Third Christian Reformed Church  
10 West Central Ave.  
Zeeland, MI 49464

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Elmer "Don" Bouwman*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - March 07 at 09:30 AM

SB

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Bowman family in the passing of Donald Bowman.  
Don was a great man and a good father and husband to the family.  
All of my best  
Sally*

Sally Burgoyne - March 09 at 10:57 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elmer "Don" Bouwman.*



March 08 at 10:19 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elmer "Don" Bouwman.*

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“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer "Don" Bouwman.*



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March 07 at 01:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elmer "Don" Bouwman.

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March 07 at 01:32 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Don. Our Sympathy and Prayers. Hugs. The Wasson and Klingenberg Families.*

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**Cheryl Wasson Klingenberg** - March 07 at 10:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elmer "Don" Bouwman.*



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March 06 at 07:37 PM

BB

“ He was a very awesome grandpa. he never asked for much, it gave so much more to us. He'll never be forgotten.He's our guardian angel over all of us. He is now looking down on all of us And being very happy with all what we're doing for him And remember.he will always live in my heart and his knowledge will never be forgetting From love grandson brian hip bouwman

Brian bouwman - March 05 at 12:44 PM

MN

“ A steady giant whose eyes revealed the expansiveness of his heart. A man whose generous smile hung like a hammock between his ears. A man of more smiles than words but whose words packed wisdom and love. A friend in all seasons, a devoted churchman, a strong support in times of strength or weakness, the first and essential part of sentences that began with “Don and Allie.” A much disciple of Christ. (Rev 14:13)

marc nelesen - March 05 at 08:33 AM

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*\*a much beloved disciple of Christ.*

marc nelesen - March 05 at 08:36 AM



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March 04 at 11:44 PM



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