



Eunice J. Volkens

November 9, 1938 - August 22, 2024

VOLKERS, Eunice Jan (Brink), 85, of Holland, passed on to Heaven on August 22, 2024.

Eunice was born on November 9, 1938, in Carnes, Iowa. The daughter of a minister, her childhood included moves to South Dakota, Minnesota, and Ontario, Canada. In 1956, after completing high school by correspondence, Eunice moved to Grand Rapids, MI, to attend Reformed Bible Institute (now Kuyper College). During that time she met her husband-to-be at Graafschap Christian Reformed Church in Holland, MI.

Eunice (Eunie) married her “Dear”, James (Jim) Herbert Volkens, in 1959 and together they had five children. Eunice is survived by four of their children: Karen (Ed) VanderWindt of Ancaster, Ontario; Robert (Marcia Defreese) Volkens of South Haven, MI; Mark (Janelle Timmer) Volkens of Orange City, IA; Joy (Chuck) Berghorst of Zeeland, MI; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Matthew (Caitlin Timmer) VanderWindt, with Rose, Caroline; Kathryn (Willem) de Ruijter, with Gideon, Levi, Ivy; David (Emily Sinclair) VanderWindt, with Joseph, Emma, Marigold; Ben (Brianna Kuperus) VanderWindt; Cody (Susannah Sullivan) Volkens; Kristiana Volkens (fiancé Christian Smith); Elsa (Braden) Kooiker, with Sutton, Leighton, Sylvie; Lauren (Paul) Kleyer, with Corrie, Micah, Rylie; Colin Volkens; Johnathan Berghorst (fiancée Courtney Copeland); Adam Berghorst; and Evan Berghorst. Siblings: Shirlene† (Jim†) Medendorp, Betty (Kent†) Navis, Phil (Bette Vanderzee) Brink, Fred (Ruth Van Dyken) Brink, Ruth† (Jim†) Hubbling; in-law

Siblings: Faye† (Bernie†) Van Kampen, Clyde (Joan Maxwell) Volkers, Paul (Linda Koopman) Volkers, Ruth† (Volkers) Erlick, and Mary (Joel) Telfer-Taylor (Lynn† Telfer).

Eunice was preceded in death by her husband, Jim (†June 4, 2024), her parents, Rev. John E. Brink (†2001), Winnifred (Comdoor) Brink (†1945), Betty (Walhof) Brink (†1969), and Jennie (Dykstra) Brink († 2014), and in-law parents Clarence Volkers (†1990) and Johanna (Blaauw) Volkers (†1996). In 1969, Eunice and Jim lost their infant son, Christopher.

Eunice was a much-loved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. She was gentle, compassionate and kind. Blessed with a sense of humor, Eunice was a good listener, loved to read, enjoyed a great cup of coffee, picnics, and a spirited game of cards. Her home was warm, inviting, and beautiful; she excelled in the art of homemaking. She knew how to set a welcoming table, and treated her family and friends with delicious, homemade food. She mastered refinishing furniture, made exquisite handwork, and created beautiful music. She ran a successful antiques business and volunteered for Hospice and the Herrick Public Library. Over the years, Eunice and her family cross-country skied, played racquetball, hiked, cycled, and camped. She assisted Jim with his work and they shared many hobbies, including a favorite: traveling with friends and family. They worked together to develop their much loved home and property. They were strong supporters of Christian education and other organizations.

One of Eunice's highest priorities was the well-being of her husband, children, and extended family, along with friends and church community; she prayed for them faithfully. In 1967, while members of Graafschap CRC, Eunice and Jim joined others to found Gibson CRC, an outreach church-plant, where they remained life-long members. Eunice contributed to many areas of church life including as a pianist and organist. She brought a quiet and refined presence wherever she went.

To view the livestream of the service, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/@>

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Visitation and funeral will be held at Graafschap Christian Reformed Church, September 13, 2024 (5973 Church St, Holland, MI). Visitation: 11:30am -12:30pm. Funeral: 1:00pm with Rev. Marvin Hofman officiating. Luncheon will be served after the funeral followed by Interment at Graafschap Cemetery. The family is deeply grateful for the kind and loving care of staff at Appledorn Assisted Living Center North, The Cortland of Holland, and Hospice of Holland. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland (hollandhospice.app.neoncrm.com/forms/give) or to Kuyper College (kuyper.edu/giving).

Cemetery Details

Graafschap Cemetery

32nd Steet at Graafschap Road
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Graafschap Christian Reformed Church
5973 Church Street
Holland, MI 49423

Funeral

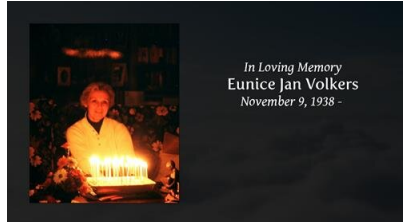
SEP 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Graafschap Christian Reformed Church
5973 Church Street
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



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



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - September 13, 2024 at 07:06 AM

BF

“ *Beth Kooiker Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Eunice J. Volkens.*



Beth Kooiker Family - September 11, 2024 at 05:50 PM

BF

“ *Beth Kooiker Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eunice J. Volkens.*

Beth Kooiker Family - September 11, 2024 at 05:50 PM

TF

“ *The Copeland Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Eunice J. Volkens.*



The Copeland Family - September 11, 2024 at 11:31 AM

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“ The Copeland Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eunice J. Volkers.

The Copeland Family - September 11, 2024 at 11:31 AM

MS

“ Both Eunice and Jim brought a warmth in spirit to our time at Gibson Church. They were a special, loving couple with a love for God and His church that could not be missed. Hearing Eunice play hymns at the piano is something that we will always remember and appreciate. The family has our sincere sympathy during this season of loss. May you feel the love of many and a comfort that only our Lord can provide as life goes on in a different way.
Richard and Marti Sligh

Marti Sligh - September 06, 2024 at 03:20 PM

JB

Thank you for sharing your sweet memories of our dear parents -we appreciate that so much. ☐

joy volkers berghorst - September 19, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eunice J. Volkers.



September 06, 2024 at 11:04 AM

VF

“ Verse & Vine friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eunice J. Volkers.

Verse & Vine friends - September 06, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eunice J. Volkers.*



September 05, 2024 at 05:53 PM