



Frederick Grant Leaske

March 18, 1937 - December 17, 2025

Frederick G. Leaske, age 88, of Holland MI, passed away in his home Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

Fred was a loving husband, father, and great/grandfather and will be truly missed.

He met his wife, Charlotte Wierda, at Hope College, and were married for 67 years. They shared a love for world travel, cycling, cross-country skiing, boating, and other outdoor activities. They especially enjoyed theater and the symphony orchestra.

As an educator, he served as a counselor, school psychologist and Superintendent for Ottawa Area Intermediate School District. Fred had a deep passion for helping the underserved.

Fred was preceded in death by his sister, Connie Hubbell, just a week earlier.

Fred is survived by his wife:

Charlotte Leaske

Children:

Kristen (John) Witkowski

Susan (Michael) Bianco

Bill (Maureen) Leaske

Grandchildren:

Nicolas (Alisha) Witkowski

Luke (Erin) Witkowski

Stephanie (José) Bianco

Louis (Eri) Bianco

Joseph Bianco

Matthew (Angelica) Bianco

Erik (Suzann) Leaske

Tricia Leaske

John Leaske

Six Great Grandchildren

Brother-in-law, Daryl (Mary) Wierda

He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Visitation and reception will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 1:00-3:00 pm at Hope Church, 77 W 11th St., Holland, MI 49423.

There will be a family private committal service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leaske Family Scholarship at Hope College.

Arrangements are by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at www.langelandsterenbergh.com.

Previous Events

Fellowship and Refreshments

JAN 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hope Church
77 W. 11th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall

MG

“ I worked with Fred for many years at OAISD. He was a blessing to all who worked with him and even more so for the students he served so well. My sincere condolences during this difficult time.
Misty Galant

Misty Galant - January 17 at 07:54 PM

DJ

“ My sympathy to Char and family. *Darlene Jekel*

Darlene Jekel - January 16 at 04:34 PM

DD

“ Dr. Rebhan and Zeeland Family Dentistry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick Grant Leaske.

Dr. Rebhan and Zeeland Family Dentistry - January 16 at 11:49 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frederick Grant Leaske.



January 16 at 11:49 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry to learn of Fred's passing. My sincere condolences to his entire family. Fred was more than just a mentor to me at OAISD, he gave me my first administrative job at a very young age. Fred trusted and supported me throughout every turn. His leadership was outstanding and the guidance he gave can not be measured in words. Along with the countless people he touched during his life, I join them in noting his enormous influence. May Fred rest and peace. May God comfort his family. Jerry Cade

Jerry Cade - January 14 at 07:42 PM

TT

“ Tony and Becky Thaxton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick Grant Leaske.

Tony and Becky Thaxton - January 03 at 08:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frederick Grant Leaske.



January 03 at 08:57 AM

SC

“ Fred was the school psychologist at West Ottawa, and he was outstanding. He helped me address the challenges of students with disabilities. He was the BEST. And he was also personable and fun. I appreciated him so much. Susan Mooy Cherup

Susan Cherup - December 30, 2025 at 12:07 PM

JW

Fred Leaske was a true gentleman. He was kind and he was compassionate and he had a great sense of humor and he always had a way of making one feel that he was there for you if needed. Fred and Shar are a beautiful couple and whenever I see Char, I will see Fred standing next to her as he did and I will enjoy again. It's a great relationship that they had. Fred will be dearly missed by his family and his Hope Church, family and friends. Much love to you, Charlotte and Family, Joan.

Joan Wenke - December 30, 2025 at 03:12 PM

KS

“ *Deepest sympathy to Fred's entire family. Fred was a wonderful person with a sincere heart for others. My mom so enjoyed the times they worked together for the good/ benefit of OAC students (my brother included) and she had great respect for all he did for the OAISD. He lived such a full life yet it is still hurts to say goodbye. May God hold you close and bless you with strength and peace today and in the days ahead. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.*
Tom & Kim (Smoes) Sullivan

Kim Sullivan - December 29, 2025 at 05:22 PM

AT

“ *There is no educator for whom I have greater respect than Fred Leaske. We met in 1973 when I was a graduate student in School Psychology and Fred was one of the most highly respected School Psychologists in Michigan. He had been selected by his colleagues to lead an advanced state-wide training program that I researched for my Masters Thesis. Fred and I would go on to work together in a variety of roles for nearly 30 years including as my direct Supervisor in his role as Assistant Superintendent for Ottawa Area Intermediate School District. Throughout these years my wife Becky and I became good friends with Fred and Char and have valued memories of our times together. I am deeply saddened by his passing.* Anthony Thaxton

Anthony Thaxton - December 29, 2025 at 12:48 PM

JD

“ Fred was focused on making this a better world for children. This work continues to have generational impact. He had a keen mind his whole life. I always enjoyed being in his presence. Jane Dickie

Jane Dickie - December 26, 2025 at 08:28 PM

JB

“ We have always admired Fred for his intelligence, humility, and caring attitude for the underserved. I also enjoyed singing with him and Char in our church choir. Our sympathy to Char and the whole family. He will be much missed! Peter and Judith Boogaart

Judith Boogaart - December 23, 2025 at 09:38 PM

CO

“ The Leaskes have been our friends for 60 years! Fred was always upbeat and positive, even though he was dealing with several health issues. Our thoughts are with Char, Kris, Sue, Bill, their spouses, and all the grands, and great grands! (so lucky to have so many!!!) Richard and Carol Oudersluys

Carol Oudersluys - December 21, 2025 at 08:15 AM