



## Gene Dornbush

May 17, 1934 - February 3, 2023

Gene Dornbush, 88, of Zeeland, faithful servant of Jesus Christ was welcomed into the Savior's embrace on February 3, 2023.

Gene lived the last years of his life with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy and was cared for at home patiently and faithfully by his loving wife, Hazel, with help from the caring staff of Comfort Keepers. The last 9 months were peaceful for Gene at Rest Haven with their amazing staff along with Gentiva Hospice.

Gene was born in Atwood, Michigan, on May 17, 1934, to Rev. Menzo and Cynthia (Hartger) Dornbush. He married Hazel De Vries on Oct. 18, 1956. After graduating from Calvin College he taught mathematics at Zeeland Christian School, Unity Christian High School and Grand Valley State University. He also worked at Herman Miller for 10 years. He was a member of Third Christian Reformed Church where he served as an elder, deacon, and catechism teacher. Many Zeelanders know him for his annual Snoopy Snow Sculpture on Taft Street.

Gene was preceded in death by his son-in-law John Boss, his great-grandson Caleb Roosma, and his siblings: Robert Dornbush, Evelyn Harris, Jewel Klok, and Les Dornbush.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Hazel, their children: Linda (Warren) Disselkoen of Zeeland, Kathy (Harv) Roosma of Jenison, Karen (Doug) Riemersma of Zeeland, Jim (Nancy) Dornbush of Grandville, Amy (Brent) Sluiter of Holland; 18 grandchildren and spouses, 27 great-grandchildren, siblings: Lois & George Reenders, Carolyn Breedveld, Muriel & Dave Zandstra, Gordon & Mina Dornbush; in-laws: John Harris, Bev Dornbush, Mary & Will Huizing, John Dekkinga, Carolyn R. De Vries, Carolyn A. De Vries, Bruce & Marcia De Vries; and many extended family members.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at Third Christian Reformed Church, 10 W. Central Avenue, Zeeland MI 49464. Visitation will be 3:00-5:00 PM, Monday at Third CRC in the Fireside Room.

The service on Tuesday will be livestreamed on the usual Third CRC livestream broadcast channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/T3s3OiCk28c?feature=share>

Memorial contributions may be made to Resthaven or Gentiva Hospice.

Arrangements by Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464.

# Cemetery Details

## Zeeland Cemetery (Original Cemetery)

220 East Lincoln Avenue  
Zeeland, MI 49464

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 3:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

FEB 7. 12:00 PM - 12:50 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 Gene Dornbush*



**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - February 05, 2023 at 10:36 AM

JP

“ *I had him as a teacher at Unity , a kind and gentle man and wonderful example of how to live out your christian faith . You all have my deepest sympathy*

**Janice Vander Ploeg** - February 07, 2023 at 06:15 AM

KR

*Thank you for sharing those kind words about our Dad.*

**Karen Riemersma** - February 07, 2023 at 06:31 AM

FW

“ *First CRC Waupun, WI purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gene Dornbush.*



**First CRC Waupun, WI** - February 06, 2023 at 10:18 AM

TF

“ I am sorry to hear this news. I had Mr. Dornbush for math at Unity Christian. He was very patient with me, since math was not my best subject. I remember one class in particular in which he was talking about the odds of something happening. I remember thinking how smart he was. More than that, he was a kind man. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Thomas Folkert - February 06, 2023 at 08:27 AM

KR

Thank you so much for sharing that about my Dad!

Karen Riemersma - February 06, 2023 at 09:11 AM

 Linda Sluiter

I'm so sorry for your loss.. Though you know dad is in heaven & you will see him again, the pain & sorrow of the separation is hard. So sorry. Doug & Linda Sluiter.

Linda Sluiter - February 06, 2023 at 07:03 PM

HD

thank you

Hazel Dornbush - February 09, 2023 at 09:19 PM

RA

“ Gene and Hazel were special “grandparents “ to our kids when they were young. They were always willing to help out if something came up. They were the light of Jesus in our neighborhood.

Rose Admiraal - February 05, 2023 at 12:29 PM

KR

Thank you so much Rose!

Karen Riemersma - February 06, 2023 at 09:12 AM