



## George H. VanderPloeg

March 4, 1923 - October 3, 2016

George H. VanderPloeg, age 93, passed away on Monday, October 3, 2016 and is now with his Lord and Savior. He is preceded in death by brothers and sisters in law; John VanderPloeg, Abe & Elsa VanderPloeg, John Tuinier, Gertrude TenHoor and John Alphenaar.

George is survived by his wife of 51 years, Rika; brothers and sisters in law, Harold & Joyce Alphenaar of Kalamazoo, Betty Alphenaar of Kalamazoo, and Anne Tuinier of Kalamazoo; nieces and nephews, Ellen & Bart DeJong of Jenison, Steve & Elizabeth VanderPloeg of Allendale, Marcia & Rich Nykamp of Holland, and Glenn & Cris VanderPloeg of Holland. George was born in Holland, Michigan and was an active member of the Protestant Reformed Church of Holland. He attended both the University of Michigan and Michigan State and was a graduate of Calvin College. He served his country in the US Army during WWII and continued a life of service his entire career through the State of Michigan Department of Corrections as Director of Field Supervision and Parole. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 6 at 11:00 am at the Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home located at 315 W. 16th Street, Holland, MI 49423. A time of extended visitation will immediately follow the service. Burial will take place at Pilgrim Home Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Christian High School.

# Tribute Wall



“ George H. VanderPloeg

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Risk.I just now found out. I am so sorry for your loss. God be with you.Joe Silva"*

**Joe Silva** - October 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Rika, you and your husband treated me like your own when I was a little girl. You let me pick and taste carrots in your garden and you took me to the tulip festival. I have the fondest memories of you both and you were the best neighbors ever. I am so sorry for your loss and I will pray for you. Gloria (Shell) Vander Linden"*

**Gloria Vander Linden** - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Rika,We are thankful for George's kind friendship in the body of Christ.He was always insightful, ready with good advice, and encouraging.What a blessing to know that Christ has gathered him into the assembly and fellowship of God's elect. He was chosen, elect, and precious in God's sight. He is now with justified men made perfect. "It is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them who love him" (I Cor. 2:9).-Henry & Dort De Jong & family"*

**Henry De Jong** - October 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“Rika, I am praying for you as you mourn the loss of George. Although my memories of him consisted of sitting with you guys and my Grandparents (Abe and Clara) at Russ' a lot. Many, many years ago, I was always excited to join you guys. I remember George always asking me how I was doing, he was a great guy! (And you too ;) ) Sorry for your loss.”

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**Lori Walsh** - October 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“Dearest Rika, I'm so glad I was able to spend time with you and George. What a special person he was! I know how much he meant to my mom and dad. We share your tears and send our love to you.”

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**Lisa Stegink** - October 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM