



Gertrude Renkema

September 9, 1926 - August 26, 2025

Gertrude Renkema, age 98 of Hudsonville, passed away Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

She is survived by her children, Louisa Raguckis, Margaret Van Der Mark, Art and Dawn Renkema, and Bernie and Valerie Renkema; her grandchildren and great grandchildren, Eric Raguckis, Adam Raguckis, Annie Muir and Adam Dertein (Brynn, Brayden), Ryan Van Der Mark, Ben and Racquel Renkema, Jon Renkema (Skylar), Daniel Renkema, Corey and Emily Bruursema (Lincoln, Cambria), Jordan and Danielle Bruursema (Annika, Noah, Aiden, Cannon), Josh Renkema, Lucas and Tavia Renkema (Parker, Hudson). Gertrude was preceded in death by her husband Bernard in 1992, her son John Renkema, her son-in-law Ron Van Der Mark, her grandsons Alex Raguckis, and Curtis Bruursema, and her great grandson Sawyer Bruursema.

She was a member of Hudsonville Reformed Church in Hudsonville. Gertrude enjoyed living independently in her own home until she was just shy of her 99th birthday. She enjoyed baking and helping others in any way she could. Gertrude had a very strong faith and understanding of God.

Visitation will be from 9:30am-10:45am Thursday, August 28, 2025, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland with the funeral service to follow at 11 am. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions

may be given to Hudsonville Reformed Church. www.yntemafh.com

Cemetery Details

Zeeland Cemetery (Original Cemetery)

220 East Lincoln Avenue
Zeeland, MI 49464

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Gertrude Renkema funeral service in memory of Gertrude Renkema*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - August 28, 2025 at 05:19 PM

SD

“ *I always enjoyed talking to Aunt Truus, I'm sorry for your loss but rejoice in the fact that she in heaven and with Uncle Bernie again*

Sheila Daniels - August 28, 2025 at 04:24 PM

CV

“ *I have memories of visiting Aunt Truus as a child when our family would drive back to visit the Michigan family and again when my husband Roger and i visited on our way back home a few years ago. Our sympathies to the family. We will remember her with fond memories!*

Cathy Vaughan - August 27, 2025 at 11:41 PM

SM

“ *Stephanie I miller purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gertrude Renkema.*



Stephanie I miller - August 27, 2025 at 01:12 PM

NM

“ Nancee Maciulewski purchased the *Pink Potpourri Bouquet* for the family of Gertrude Renkema.



Nancee Maciulewski - August 27, 2025 at 12:09 PM

NM

“ Nancee Maciulewski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gertrude Renkema.

Nancee Maciulewski - August 27, 2025 at 12:09 PM

MR

“ *May she rejoice, free of pain and sorrow. She lived a full life and was a blessing to all who knew her. You couldn't know her without learning of her kindness and perseverance. It is my hope that everyone carries a bit of her resilience with them. May she rest in peace in her eternal home.*



Margaret Renkema - August 27, 2025 at 05:37 AM

IH

“ I have many warm memories of Aunt Truus and her late husband, from the Renkema family. Aunt Truus was married to Uncle Berend, a brother of my mother, Harmina Holtrop-Renkema. In 1982 I visited Uncle Berend and Aunt Truus and their family, and I also often saw them at our home. Those were always joyful days, and Aunt Truus was always friendly and kind.

I wish Louisa Raguckis, Margaret Van Der Mark, Art and Dawn Renkema, and Bernie and Valerie Renkema; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren much strength in saying farewell. We will cherish the stories of her life.

Ina Holtrop, also on behalf of the Holtrop family

Ina Holtrop - August 27, 2025 at 02:43 AM

BE

“ She was such a Sweetheart. She always made me feel like one of the family. And now she is healed! ❤️

Bev Esgar - August 26, 2025 at 08:58 PM

JR

“ Lieve familie, tante Truus had a heart of gold. We remember her fondly. My mom, Annie Renkema, sends her condolences to all of you.

Tante Truus and my Mom were the last 2 left of the big Renkema family of that generation. What a legacy spanning over nearly a century, 2 continents, and lots of stories and adventures.

Sending you our very best wishes, Janita Renkema-Ricci

Janita Ricci - August 26, 2025 at 08:36 PM

AM

“ *My Grandma was the best grandma my whole life. She was so caring and listened. She was always there for me and my kids. We love her so much.*

Annie Muir - August 26, 2025 at 07:18 PM