



Gesena Groenendyk

January 21, 1937 - August 30, 2022

Livestream Link for Gesena Groenendyk memorial service: <https://youtu.be/dmVOW8MO9uE>

Gesena (Bouma) Groenendyk, age 85, of Holland, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

Gesena was preceded in death by her husband, Jay, in 2015, her son, David, in 1999, and brothers and sister: Norman, John, Cornelia (Connie), Gordon, Donald, James, Robert, and Dennis Paul.

She was born at her parent's farm in Richland Township, Missaukee County, Michigan, the second daughter of Peter and Helena Bouma. Gesena was a member of Christ Memorial Church in Holland. She attended Calvin College graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 1977. She went on to pursue graduate studies at Michigan State University. For most her life Gesena was a teacher. She spent 29 years with Holland Christian Schools teaching elementary age students. After retiring from full time work, Gesena taught at Davenport University teaching communication classes as well as working for Hope College as a student teacher advisor. In her later years she became a substitute teacher for local school districts in West Michigan as well as providing care to the elderly through an organization called Atrio. Her passions in life were her grandchildren and great grandchildren, Michigan

State University football, Calvin College basketball, any Holland Christian sporting events.

Gesena is survived by her:

Son

Daniel (Jacqueline) Groenendyk

Daughter

Jana (Potts) Barforth

Daughter-in-law

Judi Groenendyk

Grandchildren

Amanda (Bryant) Russ

Heather Potts

Derek (Rachel) Potts

Jordan (Matt) Ribeiro

Gerrit Groenendyk

Allison Groenendyk

Courtney Groenendyk

Great-granddaughters

Reagan, Avery, Emilia, and Miriam Russ

Brother and sisters

Marilyn (George) Vegter

Perc Bouma

Mary (Manny) Matos

In-laws

Willie Bouma

Ruth Bouma

Kelli Bouma

Ann Groenendyk

Marlene Groenendyk

Ron (Char) Groenendyk.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 6, at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Rd., Holland (please use Sanctuary entrances C & D). Rev. Mike Westerveld will officiate. The service will also be livestreamed; please check back here on the day of the service for the link information. Visitation is scheduled for 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 5 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E 16th St., Holland. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Holland Christian Schools and Holland Community Hospital. Condolences may be left online at www.langelandsterenbergh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **5.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 E 16th St
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-2306
info@langelandsterenberg.com
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **6.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Memorial Church
595 Graafschap Road
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Gesena Groenendyk Livestream Link in memory of Gesena Groenendyk*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - October 04, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gesena Groenendyk*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - September 29, 2022 at 09:25 AM

GP

What a lovely video, Dan and family. Blessings as you celebrate your mom this week.

Gayla Postma - October 01, 2022 at 02:15 PM

RR

Such a lovely video of a life well lived! Gesena was an amazing lady who loved her beautiful family dearly!

Ronda Russ - October 05, 2022 at 03:07 AM

KB

*What a beautiful video!!
She was a great lady and will be missed!*

Kellie Bouma - October 06, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Gesena Groenendyk.*



October 04, 2022 at 01:03 PM

MK

“ *Sadden by Gesena passing. Such a neat lady ! She had me clean house for her to help me with Christian Education. Always a fresh pot of coffee on and a cookie. And long talks with her wisdom! She will be missed until we meet again. 🙏 for your families!*

Marilou Kuipers - September 15, 2022 at 09:18 AM

ST

“ *Please accept our condolences for your loss. We are lifting up the family in prayer. Gesena and Jay were our next door neighbors at Paradise Cove in Sand Lake. Very good people . We enjoyed them. May they both rest in Heaven. We know they finished well!!*

Skip & Cindy Taylor - September 14, 2022 at 06:20 PM

KK

“ *Jana:*

Just wanted to send you my sympathies in the loss of your mom. Losing a parent is a sad time, though remember to focus on the good memories and knowing that she's happier than she's ever been before cuz she's with Jesus.

Love to you and yours.

*Kris De Koster
HCHS classmate*

Kris De Koster - September 10, 2022 at 08:38 PM

JB

“ *As a teacher at Rose Park Christian School Gesena loved her students and worked tirelessly to help them succeed. Rest in peace, Gesena.*

Jack Berghoef - September 10, 2022 at 04:54 PM