



Gladys Steketee

April 9, 1925 - March 16, 2026

Gladys (Dyke) Steketee went home to be with her LORD and Savior on Monday, March 16, 2026, at the age of 100.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 73 years, Milton Steketee, her parents Egbert and Helen (Jaarda) Dyke and two brothers, Justin and Katheryn and Howard and his wives Anita and Hazel, and one sister, Julia and Jay Van Faasen. Gladys graduated from Holland High School in 1943 where she excelled in basketball, tennis, and ping pong tournaments.

She attended La Parent School of Cosmetology in Grand Rapids and immediately upon graduation purchased and became proprietor of the Washington Square Barber and Beauty Shop, which she owned for over 30 years.

She volunteered many hours painting for the Holland Christian School Circle Bazaars. Gladys and Milt spent many years with friends and family at their cottage on Lake Michigan, enjoying the sunsets and sail boating on summer days.

She is survived by her children: Woody and Sandra Steketee, Del and Patricia Steketee, and Pauline and Rick Rypma; Grandchildren: Roylin and Shanielle Rypma, Benjamin and Michelle Rypma, Kristine and Justin VanderKooy,

Lynae Steketee and Jon Gesink, Kara Higgs, Tyler Steketee and Alexis Bogoian and ten great grandchildren. She is also survived by sister-in-laws Marilyn Steketee and Coral Swierenga.

Glady's family would like to thank the staff of Resthaven Cottages for the love and care they showed while she was a resident.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Holland Christian Schools.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Community Farewell/Funeral Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation/Reception

MAR 21. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gladys Steketee*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - March 18 at 04:10 PM

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“ *I have wonderful memories of visiting the lake house as a child for family reunions. I've lived out of state for the past couple of decades, so I didn't have the chance to see Aunt Gladys very often, but I did talk with her a bit in 2023 when I was in Holland. She was a sweetheart and she'll be missed! ~Melissa Haas (granddaughter of Aunt Gladys' husband's sister)*

Melissa Haas - March 20 at 11:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gladys Steketee.*



March 19 at 04:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gladys Steketee.

March 19 at 04:34 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gladys Steketee.



March 19 at 03:53 PM



“ My aunt was very special. It was always fun to go to their home and see all the new crafts and paintings that were created. We enjoyed playing games and cards there over the years. I always enjoyed my visits with her at both Appledorn and Rest Haven where we would share old memories and sometimes we would have an ice cream treat from the mini freezer in her room. We looked at new photos of all her grand kids and great grand kids. One of my favorite memories was that she gave me many metal clothes hangers that were adorned with various colors of yarn that she weaved over the metal to make a beautiful hanger. I always told her that whenever I saw those in my closet I would think of her. Now all those hangers will become more special to me when I use them and think about my wonderful aunt.

Mary Shumaker

Mary Shumaker - March 17 at 10:22 AM