



Glenn "Lefty" Wyngarden

March 13, 1926 - January 14, 2025

Glenn "Lefty" Wyngarden, age 98, of Zeeland passed away Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

He is survived by his daughters and their husbands: Sally and Rob Petroelje, and Sandy and Doug Holtrop; his grandchildren: Jodi and Brent Rieger, Liza and Kevin Zimmerman, Jenny and Ryan Linenger, Benj and Amy Petroelje, Jake and Jolene Holtrop, Luke and Ruth Holtrop, Nick and Katie Holtrop, and Arry Holtrop; 24 great grandchildren, and his sister, Lois and Ed Hoeksema.

Lefty was preceded in death by his wife of 71 years, Marge, in 2018. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during World War II. After his service in the Navy, Lefty started working as a teller at First Michigan Bank. He spent his entire career there, retiring as the President. He was a long-time member of Third Christian Reformed Church where he served as an elder and deacon.

Visitation will be Monday, January 20, 2025, from 11 am-12:45pm at Third Christian Reformed Church, 10 West Central Ave., Zeeland with the funeral service to follow at 1 pm. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Third Christian Reformed Church or Arrows + Hope Uganda. www.yntemafh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Zeeland, MI 49464

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Sandy, I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for God's comfort for you and your family.

Pamela Boone Slagter - January 21, 2025 at 04:39 PM

RA

“ I am so sorry to hear of Lefty's passing. What a complete Christian gentleman he was! I have some wonderful memories of talks we had, often over lunch, when I worked with him at FMB. I think of him more often than anyone else when I remember those happy days in the 70's at the bank. He was always there to help, lend an ear or give encouragement when it was needed. I can truly say that he added a great deal to my life and that I am so very glad that I had a chance to know him. My sympathy to Sally, Sandy and their families.



Russell W. Andre - January 21, 2025 at 01:37 AM

CN

“ I am so grateful to have known Lefty when he lived at Royal Park Place and Royal Atrium Inn where I have served as a chaplain. I remember his lovely wife Marge as well. Beautiful people who loved God and loved people. I am in Washington state visiting family and so wish I could have been at Lefty's memorial service. He has already been so missed at Royal Park and Atrium, but I am confident of his complete healing and life eternal with his Lord. Sincerely, Cindy Nyhoff

Cindy Nyhoff - January 20, 2025 at 08:15 PM

KA

“ I had the honor of caring for Glenn at Waterford Place. He was such a joy to care for as he was always so kind! Praying for his sweet daughters and family during this difficult time.

Katie - January 20, 2025 at 05:58 PM

DV

“ Dear Rob and Sally, Sandy and Doug, and families,

You have our deepest sympathy on the loss of your dad. He was a special person. I can still easily picture him driving the boat on Hutchins Lake at Wyngarden get-togethers.

My dad and I often spoke of their lives growing up. I always had to smile at my dad saying that shortly after Lefty was born, he asked if they couldn't just give him to the neighbors. I know he got over that! I am so sorry I cannot attend the service in person. I committed some time ago to caring for my granddaughter that day because her daycare is closed for MLK Day and there are really no other options. Now it looks as though the weather might be factor too. The photo below is of our dads at our home in Zeeland on the occasion of my dad's 100th birthday. It was always a treat to see all the siblings together.

We pray for peace and comfort for all of you.

In Christ,

Geogr and Deb VanderWoude



Deb Vanderwoude - January 19, 2025 at 03:31 PM

FG

“ From Rob and Sally’s ECRC Small Group purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Glenn “Lefty” Wyngarden.



From Rob and Sally’s ECRC Small Group - January 17, 2025 at 03:50 PM

PH

“ My first true boss at First Michigan Bank in Zeeland. He was kind, smart and the best person I ever met. Rest now my dear friend.



Patti Hilton - January 16, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Glenn “Lefty” Wyngarden.



January 16, 2025 at 10:45 AM

KS

“ What a beautiful man . I brought pills to him at RPP Always so happy . Loved to see him. My sympathy to your family.

Kathy Smith - January 15, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ *I so enjoyed many breakfasts as a guest of the 90+ table at Royal Park Place. Lefty was often a wonderful part of that fellowship.*
Doug Groters, CDR USN Ret.

Doug Groters - January 15, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ *He always had a smile and a great neighbor. Just a great man*

Ken Blauw - January 15, 2025 at 03:28 PM