



## Gordon Plaggemars

December 22, 1921 - December 22, 2017

Gordon Plaggemars, 96, of Zeeland, died Friday, December 22, 2017. Gord was born in Holland, Michigan, April 23, 1921, to Edwin and Susie (Speet) Plaggemars. Gordon served his country in the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He married Vivian Walstra and they made their home in Holland where they raised their family and were members of Fourth Reformed Church for 33 years. Gordon was involved in many leadership projects at Fourth Reformed including, choir, custodian, and building supervisor. Gord worked for Baker Furniture for 22 years, and retired from Herman Miller after 15 years of service. Gordon and Vivian moved to Zeeland and joined First Reformed Church where Gord served as a deacon, elder, and in the choir. He was also a member of the JOY group and Sunday School. In his retirement Gord loved driving for Ver Hey Limousine and Janssen Farms. He was preceded in death by his wife Vivian in 2014, his son Jack in 1984, daughter-in-law Sharon Plaggemars in 2014, and his 3 siblings: Shirley Dykema, Lois Knoll, Fern Klaasen. Gord was the happiest behind the wheel of any vehicle-car, truck, boat, limousine, snowmobile, or lawn mower. He had driven in every state and the stories of any adventure always began with the make, model, and year of the car he was driving. He is survived by his daughter Linda and Mark Boardman of Oxford, Ohio, his grandchildren: Emily and Sandy Slager, J.J. and Katie Slager, Joshua and Jen Plaggemars; great-grandchildren: Caroline, Dylan, Reagan, and Ty Slager, Avery and Lacey Slager; step-grandchildren: Jessica Boardman, Jeremy and Ashley

Boardman; step-great-grandchildren: Kendall and Miles Boardman; brother Ed and Marlene Plaggemars, many nieces and nephews. Funeral services with military honors will be held at 11:00 am, Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at First Reformed Church, 125 E. Lincoln Ave., Zeeland MI 49464. Visitation will be 10:00-10:45 am, Wednesday at church. Memorial contributions may be made to First Reformed Church Joy Group or Kids Hope USA. Arrangements are by Yntema Funeral Home, Zeeland.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon Plaggemars*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Deepest sympathy to the family at Gord's passing. I remember Gord and Vivian from Herman Miller as well as Gord driving for Ver Hey limo, he often drove for the client visits I helped schedule. I always enjoyed talking with him and appreciated the fine job he did in hosting our visitors. It was obvious he loved life and people. May you be comforted in knowing the world is a much better place because of him. God bless you with peace that passes understanding as you continue in this life without him. Tom and Kim Sullivan"*

**Tom and Kim Sullivan** - December 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"It was a joy to meet Gord and visit and pray with him from time to time. He was an amazing story-teller and I could tell he had lived life to the fullest. I know his life now is even more full and he was so eager and ready to see his Saviour and his loved ones who had gone before. My sympathies and prayers to Gord's family. Cindy N, Chaplain"*

**Cindy Nyhoff** - December 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Linda, I had the honor of knowing and working with both Gord and Viv at Herman Miller. You were blessed to have them as your parents. They were both awesome people. My condolences to you and your family."*

**Mary Arocha** - December 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“I believe Gordon was one of my Sunday School teachers at Forth Reformed Church. I remember because he was kind and a super great person. Linda was a year or two behind me in school.”

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**Bill Elenbaas** - December 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“So sorry for your loss. I worked with Gord when he came to Herman Miller. Couldn't keep him from behind the wheel of our semi tractors. I enjoyed working with him and just talking to him was always a pleasure. Sandy and I would always wave at Gord when we would be out for a walk past his home. We are going to miss him also.”

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**Jason** - December 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM