



Hazel Van Koevering

November 8, 1936 - July 12, 2024

Hazel Van Koevering, 87, of Zeeland went home to the Lord on Friday, July 12, after a brief stay at Quincy Place Senior Living in Holland.

She was the daughter of Gordon and Margaret Peters and raised on the family farm in Overisel. After graduating from Zeeland High School, she briefly worked in the egg plant that was part of Hamilton Farm Bureau. After several months, she entered the nursing program at Pine Rest Christian Hospital in Grand Rapids where she made numerous life-long friendships, despite the concerns of her parents.

While working at Pine Rest she was introduced to her future husband, Paul, by a friend. They married in 1961. She worked for several years at Parkview Nursing Home. Later Stan Ellens recruited her to work for them at a new rest home, Haven Park. She worked there nearly 30 years, as a charge nurse, administrator, and helped establish the Gilead Unit for Alzheimer patients.

Along with working as a nurse, she was involved in the lives of her three boys serving as a Cub Scout leader, school volunteer, and was part of the group that created the first all-night senior party for Zeeland High School graduates. In retirement, she and Paul traveled taking numerous barefoot Windjammer cruises in the Caribbean, Europe, and Japan. They also did numerous mission trips to Quito, Ecuador; Cook College, in Phoenix, AZ; and Wycliffe in Tucson, Arizona.

She was a member of the First Reformed Church where she was active with Ladies Aid, and the JOY Group.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, Paul; sister-and-brother-in-law, Lois and Jason Boersen; brother-in-law, Keith and Lucille Van Koevering; and sister-in-law Rose and Roger Beekman.

She is survived by her 'boys', Kurt Van Koevering, Kent Van Koevering and Kraig and Jody Van Koevering; grandchildren, Ashton Van Koevering, Tyce and Kristen Van Koevering, and Reagan Van Koevering; and brother-and-sister-in-law Gary and Barb Peters.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. followed by a funeral service at 3 p.m. at First Reformed Church, 125 E. Lincoln Ave., Zeeland. The burial will be in Zeeland Cemetery. www.yntemafh.com

Tribute Wall

FB

“ From Russ, Karla, Corey & Jordan Beekman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Hazel Van Koevering.



From Russ, Karla, Corey & Jordan Beekman - July 15, 2024 at 10:48 PM

TF

“ Trent and Amber Terhaar and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hazel Van Koevering.

Trent and Amber Terhaar and family - July 15, 2024 at 07:43 PM

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“ Trent and Amber Terhaar and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hazel Van Koevering.



Trent and Amber Terhaar and family - July 15, 2024 at 07:43 PM

SU

“ Deepest sympathy to all of you. Hazel was a very dedicated nurse when we worked together at Haven Park in 1970s!! She was full of compassion, hard working and fun loving co worker . Prayers that her legacy and your dads will live on in all of you. Sue and Bob Machiela

SueMachiela - July 15, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ We truly loved and appreciated both of your parents. They made Dustin and us feel like we were part of the family every time we came back to Zeeland to visit from Ecuador. We always enjoyed helping them with things around the house and hearing their amazing stories and wise counsel, and of course, a delicious meal. Both of your parents had a deep love for the Lord and missions that was contagious. Their prayers and letters kept us going. We will miss them dearly!

Love,
Matt, Anabella, and Dustin Parker

Matt Parker - July 15, 2024 at 10:20 AM

SK

“ Thoughts and prayers to the VanKoevering family.

Sheriff Steve Kempker

Steve Kempker - July 13, 2024 at 09:26 PM

ED

“ Our most sincere condolences on your loss.

Eric & Hillary DeBoer - July 13, 2024 at 09:08 PM

GV

“ My sincere sympathies to Hazels family. I worked with her in the 1980s at Haven Park and she was such a beautiful person and a wonderful nurse. I'm sure she will be greatly missed. Ginger Tuls Vork

Ginger Tuls Vork - July 13, 2024 at 08:51 PM

JT

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the Van Koevering family with the lost of Hazel.

We spent many good times playing cards, doing photography, and taking road trips with both her and Paul when we were in Mesa, AZ. Then not in AZ we gathered often to play cards or meet somewhere to have lunch. Although they are now both gone in the Arms of Jesus, we will not forget them.

Jake & Gloria Toering

Jacob Toering - July 13, 2024 at 02:51 PM

MN

Hazel was a dear friend. She put her love for Jesus into action by the kind deeds she did for others. She will be missed.

MaeLee Nykerk - July 14, 2024 at 08:31 AM