



Hennie Krommendyk

March 29, 1936 - January 27, 2023

Hennie Krommendyk, our beloved Mom and Oma, gained her heavenly home on January 27th surrounded by her loving family. She passed after a two and a half year battle with cancer which was fought with faith, strength, determination, grace and acceptance of God's plan for her life.

Hennie is survived by her son, John (Christine) and their 3 children Mitchell (Sophia), Jacob (Tori) and Nicole (John) all of Western Michigan; and her daughter, Judy of Harlingen, Texas. She is also survived by her sister Gerda of Nijverdal, her brother-in-law Andy (Joyce) of Zeeland and her many nieces and nephews both in Michigan and The Netherlands. Hennie was predeceased by her beloved husband of 55 years, Herman; her sister Riek, brother Bertus and numerous brothers-in-law.

Hennie was born on Sunday, March 29, 1936 in Nijverdal, The Netherlands. Growing up in The Netherlands during World War II and the Nazi occupation impacted her appreciation for peace, freedom and well-stocked refrigerators and cupboards. As young kids, we learned not to say, "There's nothing to eat in this house..." because we would be reminded of what nothing to eat really looked like.

In 1951 she met the great love of her life, Herman, while working in a factory in Nijverdal. Mom was young and beautiful and Dad was a charmer. They dated for 7 years being unable to get married because of a complete lack of housing available in The Netherlands after the war. Finally, dad decided to pursue opportunities in the United States. He came to "check things out" for a

year, before returning to marry mom and bring her to the United States (For their honeymoon, they took their emigration Trans-Atlantic cruise on the Holland America Statendam. Mom suffered such horrible seasickness that she begged dad to just throw her overboard. Because of this, neither of them had any interest in taking a cruise until 2012 when they took their long discussed cruise to Alaska which was again on the Holland America Statendam. Fortunately, they had a wonderful time with no seasickness).

Upon moving to the United States, they settled in Zeeland. Mom learned English through television, her job and the grocery store. She maintained her Dutch accent throughout her life and delighted in telling people that she was taking pills to get rid of her accent (or telling them it was an Irish accent and smiling at their confusion). Mom worked in a variety of jobs before retiring from the Prince Corporation as an industrial seamstress sewing the armrests and other interior parts for cars.

She retired in 1994 and started her new adventures with Herm. They enjoyed spending time at their cottage with family, friends and each other. Mom named the cottage Nooit Gedact [never imagined] because she never thought that two immigrants from Nijverdal would be able to have a summer cottage. They loved babysitting their 3 grandchildren and endlessly watching Willy Wonka and attending hockey games. They volunteered in Catalina, Arizona for Wycliffe Bible Translators avoiding the Michigan winter and helping others. They enjoyed going to The Netherlands to visit family, and they loved traveling throughout the United States ultimately visiting 49 of 50 states. They enjoyed taking “a little drive” to visit Judy in Texas. One of their favorite activities was “driving a hole in the wind” throughout the state of Michigan as they explored back roads. When Dad would complain about gas prices, Mom would remind him that they could either pay the price or stay home.

After Herm’s passing in 2014, Hennie began the next phase of her life which surprised all of us. She became active in the Zeeland Community Water Aerobics program with her beloved “pool ladies.” She used her talents for knitting, sewing and quilting with many local volunteer organizations. She

knitted hundreds of baby booties, blankets and hats. She made baby quilts. She made personalized pillowcases for local children through Jackson's Web. Her many activities gave her joy and purpose. Mom was always working on a project, whether it was cross-stitching, knitting socks or sweaters for her family or crocheting a blanket for one of us; her hands were rarely still. All of these activities brought her joy, but she really loved going for a pontoon boat ride on Crooked Lake even if that meant she needed to be bundled up in a winter coat, hat, gloves and blankets.

The family would like to extend our thanks and gratitude for the many calls, cards and visits extended to Mom. We are also grateful for the excellent care provided to Mom in her last weeks to Hospice of Holland, specifically to Grace, Kelly, Julie and Stephanie. We are grateful to Tori and Sophia for their gentle, loving care given daily to our Mom and Oma.

Although Mom loved flowers, she always told us to give them to her while she was alive and could enjoy them, not after she was gone. In keeping with that sentiment, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hospice of Holland; Jackson's Web at Faith Reformed Church in Zeeland; or the Hudsonville Quilters in care of 5821 Park Street, Hudsonville, Michigan 49426.

To view Hennie's funeral service, please visit: <https://m.facebook.com/LangelandSterenbergFuneralHome/videos/hennie-krommendyk-funeral-service/1212452129383325/>

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, 515 E. Main Street, Zeeland. Burial will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State St. Zeeland.

Cemetery Details

Zeeland Cemetery (Original Cemetery)

220 East Lincoln Avenue
Zeeland, MI 49464

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 S State St
Zeeland , MI 49464
(616) 772-2173
info@yntemafh.com
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
515 East Main Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Hennie Krommendyk Funeral Service in memory of Hennie Krommendyk*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 01, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Hennie Krommendyk*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - January 30, 2023 at 08:02 AM



“ *Dear John & Judy: We were saddened to read about your Mom. But, what a story she had! Thank you so much for sharing so many details with us. We remember your Mom (with her Dutch accent) has having an infectious smile, being very welcoming, and encouraging, and a truly fine Christian lady. We always remember fresh flowers on her living room table. We know she is rejoicing in Heaven, and are so thankful for her wonderful life. Much love, sympathy, and peace from our heavenly Father. Love, Jim & Nancy Mulder*

Nancy Ellen Mulder - February 01, 2023 at 05:14 PM

MB

“ *Hennie was my neighbor. I will really miss her. We had nice talks. May God give her family Peace and Comfort. She will really be missed.*

Marcia Ten Broeke - January 31, 2023 at 11:37 AM

KK

“ *John and Judy:*

I was saddened to see you lost your mom. It's not easy losing a parent and life will never be the same, though nothing can get in the way of all the memories you have. I wish for you both peace through this difficult time, gentleness with yourselves as you start your new adult lives without your mom in it, as well as smiles and laughter as she pops into your mind at many unexpected times during your day.

From a long-ago ZCS/HCHS classmate ... Kris De Koster

Kris De Koster - January 30, 2023 at 08:24 PM

RS

“ *My friend Hennie, from the pool, called last December to see if she and her daughter could come to see our stained glass Christmas sign. They thought it was so beautiful and wanted to see how it was made. Another time she came to see the flowers and the angel signs in our back yard. She was a wonderful lady and we all loved her.*

Rose Scheerhorn - January 30, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Hennie Krommendyk.*



January 29, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hennie Krommendyk.*



January 29, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Jennie was a joy to know when she joined in at Jackson's web. She was a sister in Christ. - Linda Scherpenisse*

Linda Scherpenisse - January 28, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ *Herm and Hennie were a charming couple and I'm grateful to have known them as part of the Bethel family for many years. Blessings and peace to the family.*

Hugh Bartels

Hugh Bartels - January 28, 2023 at 05:09 PM