



Henry J. Van Essen

February 5, 1934 - July 18, 2022

Henry J. Van Essen was born on February 5, 1934 in Edgerton, MN and died in Zeeland, MI on July 18, 2022. Henry married his high school sweetheart, Dot De Poorter on May 18, 1954. Their union was blessed with 4 children: Calvin (Karen) VanEssen of Castle Rock, CO, Diane (Stan) DeYager of Lake Forest Park, WA, Sharon (Kevin) Schonewill of Holland, MI, and Delwyn (Diane) VanEssen of Littleton, CO. He had 15 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren. They lived in Edgerton, MN until 1984 and then moved to Sioux Falls, SD.

He served as an elder in the Christian Reformed Church and board member of Edgerton Christian Elementary School. He also volunteered at hospitals, the Sioux Falls Furniture Mission, the Gideons and Prison Ministry. Henry enjoyed playing golf and all kinds of card games with Dot, his family and friends. He was in sales most of his married life and retired in 2009 as a Real Estate Broker in Sioux Falls, SD.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, August 20 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Falls. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Bible League (www.bibleleague.org).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fellowship Hall Of First Christian Reformed Church Of Sioux Falls
2901 E 26th St
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Tribute Wall



“ Henry J. Van Essen

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ Henry had a big influence on my life. He recruited me into the Gideons where I became active in their jail ministry. I believe God helped me to touch hundreds of inmates during my 15 years of being a Gideon jail chaplain. Henry and I played golf together and had coffee meetings where we would spend time discussing the Bible. Henry sold me the house I currently live in. I considered him a close friend and will miss him until we are united again in heaven.

Thomas S Sargent - August 20, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ We sure enjoyed many, many card games, coffees, and visiting with Henry and Dot. They were always ready for a good time with friends. We have missed him very much since their move to Michigan, but hope he enjoyed being close to family there.

Jerry and Bonnie Gorter - July 28, 2022 at 06:56 PM



Kim and I were so sorry to learn of Henry's passing. We want to pass along our condolences to Dot and the rest of Henry's family. Sure enjoyed golfing with Henry many years ago. Sid and Kim Youngsma

Sid Youngsma - July 28, 2022 at 10:51 PM