



## Howard Plaggemars

November 3, 1937 - February 17, 2017

Howard O. Plaggemars, age 79, of Holland, died Friday, February 17. Born in Holland, Michigan he had many years of experience pertaining to fine art and oriental carpets. He served in the Army and was a graduate of Culver Military Academy and Hope College, with post graduate studies at the University of Michigan, Indiana University, as well as the Universities of Vienna and Marburg. A former owner of his own art gallery in Holland (International Art Collections), he also served on the Holland Area Art Council Board of Directors and was appointed to the Historical and Cultural Commission of the city. He was an international business consultant, lecturer, and author, and had been an official government appraiser. He had been a fine art and oriental carpet dealer in Europe, and had served as a visiting professor at both the University of Constance, Germany and in the United States at Indiana University. Howard had served as Director, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, as well as Controller of Holland Furnace Company. Using his financial and business acumen, he was pivotal in the design, implementation, obtaining seed monies for, and the continuing success of the Macatawa Resource Center. Preceded in death by his sister, Cathy, in 2006, Howard is survived and will be missed by his son, Hansjoerg Plaggemars, with his wife Kathrin, and his daughter, Elke Rodriguez and his four grandchildren: Killian and Coco Plaggemars, Elina and Yana Rodriguez, all in Germany; special friends Randy and Valerie Koetje of Holland, and Rosalind Harden of Ann Arbor. Private services will be held. At Howard's request, he will be brought to

Germany for final disposition. Those who wish may make contributions in his memory to: Macatawa Resource Center, Holland Area Arts Council, or Hospice of Holland. Care of Howard has been entrusted to Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home in Holland.

# Tribute Wall



“ Howard Plaggemars

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Will miss you Howard. Have several more paintings I wanted you to restore, but that won't happen now. God bless you."*

**Bernard Beckmann** - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Enjoyed meeting and getting to know Howard... Will be missed dearly"*

**Bonnie Ansell** - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"We are very grateful for the work that Howard Plaggemars did for the Macatawa Resource Center. He was one of our founding members and the center is helping out many in our community. Leroy Hernandez Executive Director."*

**A friend** - February 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"We are very grateful for everything that Howard did for the Macatawa Resource Center. The center continues to help many in our community."*

**Leroy Hernandez** - February 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“Howard was such an interesting person to speak with! I met him about 10 years ago as his Realtor and helped him purchase his condo and sell his house. He told me about his art appraisals and restorations, would show me his works in progress and oriental carpets, and he spoke highly of his family as we looked for a condo that would accommodate their visits. I'm certain he will be missed by many.”

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**Rhonda Stygstra** - February 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“Howard was instrumental in helping start the Macatawa Resource Center. I enjoyed working with Howard. He was a character with a heart.”

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**Mark Tuvker** - February 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“Dear Opa, we miss you! Love, Coco & Kilian”

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**Coco Plaggemars** - February 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM