



## Jack Alkema

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Jack Donald Alkema, age 84 of Zeeland passed away Dec 8, 2013. He was preceded by in death by his parents, Jay & Ada Alkema (Nyeholt), in-laws, Adolph & Ella Huizenga (Kempenaar), brother and his wife, Randy & Anne Alkema (Vantil), sister Kathryn Joyce Alkema, grandson, Benjamin Wittengen. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Adeline Alkema (Huizenga), he is also survived by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren: Jim (son) and Cindy Jo, Jeff (grandson) and Rebecca, their children Emma, Jacelyn, Lillian, Laurelye.

Michelle (Granddaughter) and Ryan their child Gabriel.

Justin (grandson) and Jenna their children Roman, Beckham. Kathy (daughter) and Jaakko Hill

Candie (granddaughter),

Jen (granddaughter) and Joe, their child Jacob,

Julie (granddaughter). Sharon (daughter) Boersma

Ronda (granddaughter), her children Cody, Adam, Heidi,

Kim (granddaughter) and Cory, their children Joslyn, Jaiden

Nikki (granddaughter) and Chad, their children Trenten and Ethan. Cyndy (daughter) and Roger Wittingen

Tami (Granddaughter) and Jeff their children Austin, Alayna

Tonya (Granddaughter) and Eric their children Alivia, Breyden, Addalyn,

Zachery Michael (son) and Patti

Deb (granddaughter) her children Cory, Rusty, Faith, John, Grace, Harmony  
(granddaughter)

Matt (grandson)

Jonathan (grandson) and Sarah

Tricia (granddaughter)

Ely (granddaughter)

Andrew (grandson) and Samantha their children Tristan, Kiera. Kevin (son)  
and Pamela,

Lisa (granddaughter) her children Samantha, Adam, Ben

Jayson (grandson) and Jessica

Daniel (grandson) his daughter Sophia. Adele (daughter) and Pete Noel

Tony (grandson) Jerry (son) and Mandi their children

Jack, Ellery, Myah (grandchildren) Scott (son) and Rhonda

Kerri (granddaughter) and Warren their children Danielle and her daughter  
Emerita,

Kailey, Ally, Jordyn.

Ryan (grandson) and Julie their child Mitchell

Alex (grandson) and Ashley Jack was a Korean war veteran 1946-1955; after  
Korea he was stationed in Battle Creek, then in Stuttgart, Germany, he was  
honorably discharged as a sergeant. He worked for Roskam Bakery doing  
horse drawn bread deliveries which was bought out by Oven Fresh Bakery.

Jack was the owner operator of the Elms Restaurant in Grandville for 20 years  
and after that he partnered in RE/MAX Town and Country and retired at the  
age of 65. Jack was a member of Messiah's Independent Reformed Church  
and was actively involved in the Gideons for nearly 40 years. Visitation will be  
Sunday, December 15, 2013 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Yntema Funeral Home, 251  
South State Street, Zeeland, MI 49464 and Dec 16th from 9:45- 10:45 a.m. at  
Messiah's Independent Reformed Church. The funeral will be held after the  
visitation Dec 16th at 11:00 am at Messiah's Independent Reformed Church,  
4528 48th Street, Holland, MI 49423. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions  
may be given to Gideons International. [www.yntemafh.com](http://www.yntemafh.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Alkema*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Safe in The Arms of Jesus..our thoughts and thankfulness proceed for a life well lived in God's service"*

**Paul and Marilyn Schurman** - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *"So sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. Our family is praying for you at this time. May you have the peace of God's grace during this difficult time. I was a classmate of his son Kevin at Jenison Christian School."*

**David Van Houten** - December 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I'm sorry my email will be soooo empty. I'll miss my mother's (Aunt Bea) first nephew & send my sympathy to the family. Gary Keappler, Aunt Beatrice Alkema Keappler's oldest."*

**Gary Keappler** - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *"My thoughts and prayers for the family. I attended school & church with them (Scott's class)in Jenison, and they are a loving & nice family. May God help you all thru this hard time."*

**Sandy Lawson** - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“*Sorry to hear of Jack's going home. Sincerely, Dr. Donald Alkema in Greenville (Cousin)*”

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**Donald Alkema** - December 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“*We give our heartfelt sympathy to the Alkema family. Prayers are with you all during this time. We loved being his neighbor...if only for part of the year in Michigan. Despite his failing health over the past few years, we could still count on a smile and a good story. He will be greatly missed.*  
*In Christ's love, The Russcher family...John, Cheryl, Emily, Ashley and Lucas.*”

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**Chedyl Russcher** - December 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“*I always enjoyed visiting "Uncle" Jack and various family members as they worked at The Elms Restaurant in Grandville. Tender beef steak sandwiches were prepared with love and served with a smile! The family reunions at Holland State Park leave fond memories too! We kids would say, " and how many kids are Ruth and Jack up to now?" : ) Yet as a couple they handled all those children well! Our condolences to Ruth and all the family. I'm sure Jack's smile and the twinkle in his eye will be greatly missed! May God give you His comfort and His peace. So thankful we will all meet again in heaven.*  
*xoxo Laurel Alkema De Graaf*”

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**Laurel Alkema De Graaf** - December 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM