



## Rev. Jacob "Jack" Van Heest

July 22, 1922 - October 1, 2013

July 25, 1922 - October 01, 2013 Rev. Jacob Van Heest, age 91, of Holland, passed away peacefully Tuesday, October 01, 2013 at Resthaven Care Center. He was born July 25, 1922 in Grand Rapids to William and Marie (Doornbus) Van Heest. Following graduation from South High, he completed studies at Calvin College and Western Theological Seminary. He married Josephine DeJongh, who preceded him in death in 2005. During his years as a full-time pastor, Jack ministered to five congregations: Alsip Reformed in Alsip, IL (founding pastor); Home Acres Reformed in Grand Rapids, MI; Second Reformed in Fulton, IL; Fellowship Reformed in Hudsonville, MI (founding pastor); and Overisel Reformed in Overisel, MI. Jack's life was characterized by a profound love for God and for people. His compassion touched the lives of many and continued as a resident at Resthaven Care Center. Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine; brother, Bill; sister, Joanne; and son-in-law, Ralph Santefort. Surviving are his children, David and Doug Abell, Holland, Sharon Santefort, Dolton, IL, Marianne and Joel Bouwens, Holland, Nancy and Michael VandenBerg, Indianapolis, IL, Dr. Jaci Van Heest, Enfield, CT; 7 Grandchildren; 9 Great Grandchildren; sisters, Beatrice and Dr. Arthur Van Eck, Fife Lake, MI, Helene Noordyk, Spring Lake, MI; brother, Marvin Van Heest, Walled Lake, MI; in-laws, Jay and Joanne DeJongh, Dorr, MI; Sadie and Dale Riders, Grand Rapids, Ruth and Roger Bremer, Hudsonville, Neal and Linda DeJongh, Clarksville, MI; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00am Friday, October 4,

at Fellowship Reformed Church, 6610 36th. Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426 with Rev. Michael Van Buren officiating. Visitation will be 1-3 and 6-8pm Thursday, October 3, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S State St., Zeeland; and also from 10:00-11:00am Friday at the church. Burial will be in Georgetown Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Fellowship Reformed Church and Resthaven Care Center. The Van Heest family expresses a special thanks to the staff at Resthaven Care Center for the exceptional care their father received while there. An online condolence registry is available at [www.yntemafh.com](http://www.yntemafh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Jacob "Jack" Van Heest*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Uncle Jack's life was an inspiration...even to those he seldom saw. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all in this time of transition."*

**Terry and Alice** - October 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I so appreciate the opportunity to spend some time with Rev. Van Heest. He was so filled with grace and patience as a resident of Resthaven. I am sorry I am out of town and can only send this note with my condolences."*

**Charlie Vander broek** - October 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *"My husband Lloyd was a cousin to your mother. Their parents were vey close and did many things together. Jack was always very interested in how we were doing as we were also in the Ministry. Your Dad is rejoicing in Heaven and having a great time seeing your Mom and other relatives and friends. He was a blessing to many, God Bless you as you adjust to his passing."*

**Jan Arnoldink** - October 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rev. Jacob "Jack" Van Heest*

**Rich** - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“*"My deepest sympathies for the loss of your father. He was a wonderful friend to my father for the time they knew each other."*

**Laurie Menken** - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RO

“*"I had the honor of caring for Pastor Jack over the past 1 1/2 years. This man always had a kind word for me, a smile or a great life story to tell. He endured much but always found it within himself to ask "How are You today?" Jack will be dearly missed, but I know he is pain free and seated with his Lord God in Heaven. My prayers to you all for healing and comfort. Please know your father touched so many lives in his wonderful life!"*

**Rita O** - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*"Jaci and family - you are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort being surrounded by family and friends who share your knowledge of how special your father was. ~Melissa Foreman and your friends from the UConn First Year Programs & Learning Communities office"*

**A friend** - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SE

“*"Marianne and family! Prayers for all of you during this sad time on earth, but great celebration in Heaven!"*

**Sue Edema** - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RP

“*"We offer our sincere sympathy on your dad's passing. What a wonderful life, well lived!"*

**Rick and Jan Persinger** - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Jaci & Family - I pray that you are comforted by loving memories and God's grace.*”

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**Carrie Graham** - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *Nancy and family, Our love and concern are with you. We are rejoicing that your dad is with Jesus! Wish we could be with you. Love, Pam & Kirk Barkel*”

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**Pam** - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM