

Jake Visser

September 15, 1934 - July 5, 2023

Jacob “Jake” Visser, age 88, of Holland, passed away on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

Beloved husband, father, Opa, and great Opa, Jake Visser, AKA “Mr. Perfect”, was exactly that to his family. Born in Haarlem, the Netherlands, to Henry and Renee Visser, Jake grew up surrounded by his older brothers Harry and Klaas, and younger brothers Johan and Ron. When the family immigrated to the United States on The Nieuw Amsterdam in 1953, Jake, then 19, and his brothers burned through a variety of different jobs before Jake eventually settled into a career as a mechanic for DeNooyer Chevrolet, a position he would hold for 30 years before moving on to a career with the Parks and Rec Department for the City of Holland. An avid soccer player, he also was a college soccer referee, and was scouted but turned down an offer to play professional soccer, as it would take away time from his family.

In 1955, on a blind date, Jake met the love of his life, and his wife of over 67 years, Bea Menken. Together they raised two beautiful girls, Pat and Judy. Jake, or Opa, as he was affectionately called by his grandchildren, was known for always instigating the fun. During any family function where cake was involved, he would offer to cut the cake, and served the pieces upside down with a little grin on his face. He loved to swim in the neighbor’s pool with his grandchildren, while wearing short, white swim trunks that needed to be

retired long before they ever were.

Jake loved to golf, and spent many afternoons, weekends, and most of his retirement, on the golf course. He also thoroughly enjoyed tinkering around in his yard and every grandchild has memories of riding the lawnmower with Opa. Jake and Bea spent many winters as snowbirds, enjoying their time and sunshine in Pompano Beach, Florida. He was a member of Montello Park CRC and more recently enjoyed services at Providence Church and Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church. Jake will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, Opa, and great Opa to his family, and a loyal friend to many.

Jake is survived by his wife of 67 years, Beatrice Visser; daughter Pat Root, and daughter and son in law Judy and Mike Wolters; grandchildren: Katie and Alex Emery, Sarah Kozal, Christopher and Abby Wolters, and Rachel Root and Raheem Hawkins; great-grandchildren: Cole, Reagan, Oliver, Harper, Roya, Mia, and Colin.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Harry, Klaas, and Johan, and many, many great friends he made over the years.

Visitation is scheduled for 11:30-12:45 on Monday, July 10, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E 16th St., Holland. A funeral service, with Pastor Dean Slenk officiating, will follow at 1:00pm. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Pine Rest Geriatric Psych Unit. Condolences may be left online at www.langelandsterenbergh.com.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 E 16th St
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-2306
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Funeral Service

JUL 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



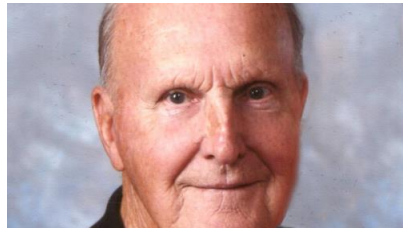
“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Jake Visser*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - July 10, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Jake Visser Funeral Service in memory of Jake Visser*



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“ *Jake was a mighty good man. Great memories of playing soccer with him in my youth!*

Hendrik de Boer - July 17, 2023 at 11:29 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you always! We feel blessed to have gotten to know both of you and become friends! We enjoyed making Dutch soup for you guys and will never forget the smiles on your faces when we brought it-especially Jake’s! He will be missed but he blessed so many lives with love, kindness and friendship!

Catl and Sally Kok - July 10, 2023 at 09:20 PM

RV

“ Sending our love and sympathy to the whole family❤️

Ron&Marlene vandyke - July 10, 2023 at 10:44 AM

TV

“ Pat and Judy, I loved your dad, his gentle kidding, great smile and Dutch brogue. So sorry for your loss. ❤️❤️❤️

trinie vp - July 08, 2023 at 10:16 PM

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“ Jake bless you my good friend and Holland Hotspurs Soccer Club member. Jake was a goal getter he did made many scoring goals and a fine sportsman! He loves also the golf course. Jake our condolences, bless you! Your friend, Max Winia 716 Simeon Drive, Satellite Beach, Fl 32937. (93 years young.)

max winia - July 08, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ PRAYERS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY . HE WILL BE MISSED
KAREN AND MICHAEL MEYER

Karen Meyer - July 07, 2023 at 11:59 PM

JW

“ *My memory of the Visser boys when they moved to Zeeland on Sanford street . I was young but still remember them riding their bikes very fast out the driveway. Condolences to the family & Ron.*

Jason Wolters - July 07, 2023 at 10:47 AM