



Jacoba Newhouse

January 31, 1935 - July 26, 2022

Jacoba “Coby” (Huisman) Newhouse passed from this earth into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

Coby was born on January 31, 1935 in De Wilp, Friesland, the Netherlands, to Harm and Ann Huisman. Her early years in the Netherlands were marked by the occupation of Hitler's Third Reich and the liberation in 1945 by allied forces.

Coby was an excellent student, salutatorian of her high school class in Friesland.

Coby met Harm “Harry” Van Niejenhuis of Garreweer, Groningen, the Netherlands, and, after a few years of courtship, they were married on September 30, 1954 in Alphen aan den Rijn, South Holland, the Netherlands.

Coby and Harry welcomed their first child, Anneke, “Ann”, in 1955.

Coby, her husband Harry, and Coby's parents, along with her sister Wieda, and brother Oege (“Andy”), had been in a lengthy queue to emigrate from the Netherlands to the United States. Their opportunity arrived, and they embarked on this life-changing adventure in February, 1956. They arrived in Hoboken, New Jersey, and immediately secured passage to Michigan,

beginning their life in America in Hudsonville. Only there just over a month, they experienced the worst tornado ever to strike West Michigan in April. The home of their sponsors was totally destroyed. They had been in the process of arranging a move down the road to Holland, and this hastened their departure.

Following the move to Holland, Michigan, their first son, John, arrived in October, 1956. A second daughter followed in March 1959, when Grace was born. A second son, Harrison, was born a year later. Two more children followed, Bill in 1963, and Rich, five years later, in 1968.

They settled in at a home on 30th Street in 1965, joining Bethany Christian Reformed Church also at that time.

Coby's journey was, at times, quite difficult. Her struggles mentally often resulted in extended periods away from home. Through it all, she took great pride and joy in her role as wife and mother. In addition she was able to use her nursing talent as an aide at Haven Park in Zeeland, now SKLD, which was also her final earthly address as of her passing.

Preceding her in death were husband Harry Newhouse who passed away on August 15, 2009. Grandson Andrew went home to the Lord in 1995, granddaughter Elizabeth in 2001, granddaughter Anneke in 2012, and Anneke's husband, Casey Marek, in 2022. Daughter Ann, who had been with her at SKLD for several months, then went home to Heaven in April, 2020. Son-in-law, John Snickers joined the family in Heaven, in April, 2021. Coby's parents, Harm and Anne Huisman as well as her in-laws Jan and Grace Van Niejenhuis, also went home to glory ahead of her.

Coby is survived by her sister Wieda (John) Karsten, and brother Andy (Mary) Huisman,, sons John(Paula) Newhouse, Harrison (Debra) Newhouse, Bill(Martha) Van Niejenhuis, and Rich(Emily) Newhouse and daughter Grace Snickers, son-in-law Curt Veenstra.

Coby and Harry left quite a legacy. In addition to their six children they welcomed 35 grand children and 57 great grand children.

Grandchildren, Christopher (Amber) Veenstra -8 children, Brian (Bernadette) Veenstra-4 children, (Anneke*dec* (Casey*dec*))Marek-3 children, Jonathon (Brenda) Veenstra-6 children, Harrison (Julia) Veenstra-3 children, Ericka (Dan) Bolluyt, Rebecca (Nick) Osterhaven-3 children, Rachel (Jaime) Arredondo, Ian (Anna) Veenstra-1 child, Heather (Mason) Westedt, and Jennifer (Blake) Johnson-1 child, Eric (Becky) Newhouse-3 children, Rishon (Elina) Kimber-1 child, Crystal Kimber-2 children, and Scott Kimber, Marissa (Cliff) Vandenberg-3 children, Jonathan (Autum) Snickers, Carrie (Zac) Billin-2 children, Tom (Megan) Snickers-1 child, Steffani (Zach) VanderWeide-2 children, and Jeffrey Snickers, Christine Morris (Wayne Manders)-2 children, Joseph (Laura) Newhouse-4 children, Jackie (Matt) Swinney-2 children, Hannah (Jeff) Johnson- 2 children, James Newhouse, and Kathryn Newhouse, Sarah Hager-4 children, William VanNiejenhuis, Anna Van Niejenhuis, Amanda VanNiejenhuis, Jessica Newhouse, and Meghan Newhouse.”

She will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be 1-3 p.m. Friday, July 29, 2022 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State St. Zeeland. A graveside service will follow at 3:30 p.m. at Vriesland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Right to Life Education fund and Samaritan's Purse. To leave a condolence and more information, please visit www.yntemafh.com.

Cemetery Details

Vriesland Cemetery

Zeeland Township

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 S State St
Zeeland , MI 49464
(616) 772-2173
info@yntemafh.com
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

Graveside Service

JUL 29. 3:30 PM (ET)

Vriesland Cemetery
Zeeland Township

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Watch Funeral Service in memory of Jacoba Newhouse*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - August 01, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ *Jacoba Newhouse*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jacoba Newhouse.*



July 29, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacoba Newhouse.*



July 28, 2022 at 02:44 PM