



## James "Jim" Smits

May 9, 1942 - March 25, 2022

James "Jim" Smits, age 79 of Zeeland passed away Friday, March 25, 2022.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years Elaine Smits; his children and grandchildren: Susan and David Macauley (Gwen, Stephanie, and Catie); Kathy and Jerry Mulder (Kurt, Nicholas, Jacqueline, and Marie and John Norder), James and Kerri Sue Smits (Kylie, Conner, and Kierea); his brother Chuck and Jan Smits; his mother-in-law Ella Ter Haar; his brothers-in-law: Steve and Pat Britt, Chuck and Gayle Ter Haar, Arch and Wilma Ter Haar, and Shirts and Sherry Ter Haar.

Jim graduated from Holland Christian High School in 1960. He farmed in Vriesland for many years, he was employed at Michigan Livestock Exchange, he was the plant manager at Northern Fiber, and in his retirement, Jim drove truck for ITW Drawform. Jim served in the Army National Guard. Jim was a member of Calvary on 8th , he was a regular at Frank's Restaurant, and he was an avid fisherman.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents Cornelius and Cornelia Smits, his father -in-law Floyd Ter Haar, his sister Jayne Britt and his brothers-in-law: Frederick Ter Haar and Don Ter Haar.

Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 pm Monday, March 28, 2022, at Yntema Funeral

Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland. The funeral service will be 11 am Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at Calvary on 8th, 995 East 8th Street, Holland. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Holland or Heights of Hope. [www.yntemafh.com](http://www.yntemafh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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251 S State St  
Zeeland , MI 49464  
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## Funeral Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Calvary on 8th  
995 East 8th Street  
Holland, MI 49423

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Smits*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - March 28, 2022 at 09:36 AM



“ *James "Jim" Smits*

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM

 Ron Dirkse

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Ron Dirkse** - March 29, 2022 at 02:15 AM



“ *Our sympathy....  
Bob & Sandy Essenburg*

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**Bob & Sandy Essenburg** - March 28, 2022 at 07:54 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Smits.*



March 27, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ *Chuck Sr, Jan, Bill, Chuck Jr & families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James "Jim" Smits.*



**Chuck Sr, Jan, Bill, Chuck Jr & families** - March 26, 2022 at 03:49 PM



“ *Toots and Family, sorry to read about Jim's passing. He was a good man. I know your feelings as Linda passed away 4 weeks ago today. May God Bless and Carry You and Your Family through this Valley.*  
*Dave Arendsen*

**Dave Arendsen** - March 25, 2022 at 07:55 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Smits.*



March 25, 2022 at 06:18 PM

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“ *Toots and family, we are so sorry to hear of the death of Jim. Always a friendly, kind man. We have many memories of Jim and Toots and family when in Vriesland.*

*So sorry we cannot be at visitation or funeral because we are south. Just know our thoughts and prayers are with you. With love, Al and Bev Myaard*

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**Bev Myaard** - March 25, 2022 at 03:04 PM