



Rev. Jerry L. Alferink

May 4, 1945 - December 29, 2023

Rev. Jerry L. Alferink, age 78, of Holland, died to the Lord on Friday, December 29, 2023.

His was a life accompanied by the blessings of God which he generously shared with others. As a pastor in the Christian Reformed Church, he served congregations in Illinois, Washington, California, Colorado, and Michigan. He loved preaching the Word of God and singing the songs of the church. His ministry was filled with dedication, love, energy, and humor. Jerry also found joy in farming, fishing, hunting, travel, and storytelling. He had a deep love for his beloved wife, Darlene, of 57 years, and was a wonderful father and grandfather to: Michelle and Tom Jager (Luke, Austin and Hannah, Alexa and Daniel Sculley), Matthew and Joy Alferink (Claire, Jed, Joelle, Liz), Mark and Heather Alferink (Ava Wickstra, Harper, Grace). He is also survived by his sister, Glenda and Don Pinkham; in-laws, Lynn and Sally Mulder, Beverly and Jon Klynstra, Chris and Lori Mulder; several nieces and nephews.

He was the son of Fred and Margaret Alferink who preceded him in death as well as a brother Harold, and parents-in-law, Peter and Gladys Mulder.

To view the livestream of the service, please visit www.youtube.com/@graafsc_hapcrc60/streams

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at Graafschap

Christian Reformed Church, 5973 Church St. Holland with Rev. Stan Scripps officiating. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. Monday, January 1, at Graafschap Christian Reformed Church. Memorial contributions may be given to Graafschap Christian Reformed Church and Holland Christian Schools.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Graafschap Christian Reformed Church
5973 Church St
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 796-3370

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Graafschap Christian Reformed Church
5973 Church Street
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Jerry L. Alferink*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - December 31, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ *Jerry was a blessing to us as he encouraged Eric to join seminary choir and take CPE at Pine Rest. He will be missed and we send our sympathy and prayers for Darlene and the family. Love from Eric and Nancy Evenhuis*

Eric Evenhuis - January 01, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. Jerry L. Alferink.*



January 01, 2024 at 09:38 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Rev. Jerry L. Alferink.*



January 01, 2024 at 07:47 AM



“ *Bob & Sandy Erikson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Jerry L. Alferink.*

Bob & Sandy Erikson - January 01, 2024 at 07:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. Jerry L. Alferink.*



January 01, 2024 at 12:18 AM



“ *My condolences for the one left behind. My prayers for you, Darlene, and for all your extended family. Condolences also to Alexa and Daniel. Marcia Hamstra Sculley.*

Marcia Sculley - December 30, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rev. Jerry L. Alferink.*



December 30, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Jerry L. Alferink.*



December 30, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Love The Iversons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Jerry L. Alferink.*

Love The Iversons - December 30, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Jerry L. Alferink.*



December 30, 2023 at 03:36 PM

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“ Jerry Alferink was a profoundly good man and a solid, advocating, and mentoring presence for me through and following my ordination into the Christian Reformed Church in Classis Zeeland in 1996.

Back then, he was wise and weathered, and a man of character and conviction. Jerry was almost as tough and leathery almost as he was tenderhearted.

Like all true pastors, Jerry loved the Church no matter what - sometimes more than it loved him. I count him as one of 3 elder pastors I have been able to admire in my lifetime who "knew his own stuff". During my time of knowing him, he was genuine and authentic and was a treasured presence during my formation as a pastor.

My condolences to his family.

Please know I give thanks for the gift of this man's presence in my life. I am a better person and pastor for having known him.

Rev. Marc Nelesen

Rev. Marc Nelesen - December 30, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Jerry L. Alferink.



December 30, 2023 at 10:38 AM