



## JoAnn Bremer

October 28, 1933 - November 26, 2022

JoAnn C. Bremer, 89, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, passed away Saturday, November 26, 2022, at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Earlier this year, JoAnn moved to Cape Girardeau, to live near her daughter.

The fourth of nine children, JoAnn was born October 28, 1933, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to John and JoHanna Maat DeGraaf.

JoAnn married John Bremer, Jr., on July 25, 1958. JoAnn devoted her life to being a wife, mother, and homemaker. John's professional expertise led to working on cruise missile design for the defense industry. The family subsequently lived in Maryland, St. Louis, Florida, and San Diego where John eventually retired from General Dynamics. John and JoAnn returned to West Michigan to retire and lived in Zeeland. They had been married nearly 56 years when John passed away April 1, 2014.

The family fondly recalls that JoAnn took pride in organizing DeGraaf family gatherings. She was a faithful member of the Third Reformed Church in Zeeland, Michigan, and was a member of a Scottish Terrier Club. She especially enjoyed singing in the church choir and participated in Hope College Choir, singing in their annual presentation "The Messiah".

Loving survivors include three children, J. Dirk Bremer of Holland, Michigan, Eric Bremer of Big Spring, Texas, and Annie (Eric) Friedrich of Jackson,

Missouri; a son-in-law, Richard (the late Brenda) Klein of Festus, Missouri; a daughter-in-law, Val Bremer of St. Charles, Missouri; seven grandchildren: Brandon Fish; Erica Bremer and daughters, Aubrey and Aisley; Meagan Bremer (Stephen) Oliver; Katie Bremer (Mathew) Stafford; Jordan Friedrich; Logan (Tylyn) Friedrich and daughter Reagan; and Jacob Friedrich; four siblings: Lawrence "Mike" (Lois) DeGraaf; Evelyn "Ev" DeGraaf (Wallace) Versluis; Frederick "Fred" (Pat) DeGraaf; Paul (Therese) DeGraaf; and a sister-in-law, Arloa (the late John) DeGraaf, all of Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Brenda Bremer Klein; four siblings, John DeGraaf; Helen (Frank) Westveer, Doris (Roger) Krapp, Marion (Donald) Darby; and her parents.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m., Sunday, December 4, 2022, Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St., in Holland, Michigan.

To honor JoAnn, the family will privately honor her with a graveside service at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Holland, Michigan, where she will be laid to rest with John. The Rev. Burton Bolt will conduct the ceremony.

The family requests that all memorial gifts take the form of contributions to Hope College Music Department, 141 E. 12th St., Holland, Michigan 49423.

Arrangements coordinated by McCombs Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Jackson, Missouri.

# Cemetery Details

## Restlawn Memorial Gardens

994 Paw Paw Dr  
Holland, MI 49423  
(616) 396-4949

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home  
315 E 16th St  
Holland, MI 49423  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Our sympathy to JoAnn's family. We remember her friendliness at Third Reformed Church in Holland; it was always so nice talking with her. May our Savior Jesus comfort you. from Doris and Emily Lievense

Emily Lievense - December 12, 2022 at 08:29 AM

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“ Jo Ann was a very classy woman. She had a deep faith which was tried with being visited by leukemia. She appreciated her family. I was blessed walking the journey of faith along with her. Kent Fry, retired pastor from Third Reformed Church

Kent Fry - December 05, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of JoAnn Bremer.



December 01, 2022 at 09:38 PM