

JoAnn R. Lemmen

April 29, 1933 - January 17, 2023

JoAnn Lemmen, age 89, of Holland, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

She was a longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church in Holland.

JoAnn was born in Grand Rapids, MI; graduated from Lee High School and Blodgett School of Nursing. She married Leonard Lemmen in 1954 and moved to Holland, MI. She worked for Dr. Charles Bazuin for 4 years, Ottawa County Health Department for 34 years both as Communicable Disease Control and AIDS Coordinator from 1981-1999. She then served the Holland Rescue Mission as nurse for 15 ½ years.

She was sensitive to the needs of others and especially the homeless. She and her late husband, Len, mentored many homeless men through the years. She was given many awards from agencies, organizations, and the state for her work in communicable disease. Serving others was a calling on her life. She practiced as a nurse until age 85 and cared for the needs of many people for years. Family was very important. She enjoyed all the time spent together with fun, food, birthdays, and holidays.

She is preceded in death by husband, Leonard Lemmen; brother and sister-in-law, Richard J. and Margaret Oosta; brother-in-law, Wilburt Lemmen;

nephew, John Oosta; parents, John and Winnifred Oosta; and parents-in-law, Benjamin and Nellie Lemmen.

She is survived by son, Michael and Karen Lemmen; grandchildren, Grant Lemmen, Kara and Joel Ebbers; great-grandchildren, Braeden Ebbers, Emma Ebbers; sister-in-law, Doreen and Gail Harbers; sister-in-law, Mary Decker; cousin, Lois and Dick Heys; and nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family is 3:00-5:00 pm Sunday, January 22, 2023, at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland, MI 49423.

Funeral services are at 11:00 am on Monday, January 23, 2023, also at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions in JoAnn's honor may be given to Hospice of Holland at <https://www.hollandhospice.org/ways-to-give/> or Gateway Mission at <https://give.hopefoundhere.org/>.

Burial to take place in Lakewood Cemetery.

www.langelandsterenberg.com

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery

Lakewood Boulevard west of 168th Ave.
Holland, MI 49424

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



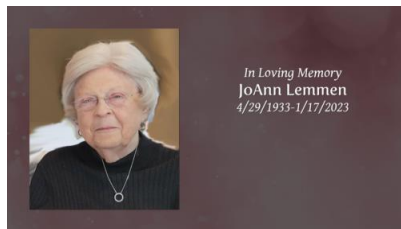
“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Watch Funeral Service in memory of JoAnn R. Lemmen*

*In Loving Memory
JoAnn Lemmen
4/29/1933-1/17/2023*

Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - January 24, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of JoAnn R. Lemmen*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - January 20, 2023 at 01:25 PM

MK

God grant you peace and prayers be with you. May the many happy memories give you comfort. Joanne was a great friend and Colleague at Ottawa County Health Department.

Martha J Katt - February 02, 2023 at 09:56 AM

BK

“ *May God be with your family in this time of sorrow. My Prayers and Thoughts are with you. 💕🙏💕*

Betty Kroeze - January 22, 2023 at 09:38 PM

BF

“ I remember moving in 2005 across the street from the Lemmen’s. They welcomed us to the neighborhood with open arms and a plate of cookies they took time to bake. They were neighbors that left us with a lot of beautiful memories. There was never a Christmas, Thanksgiving, or any holiday that passed without a card in the mail to my family. I’m heartbroken to look outside and see an empty house.

Bravo Family - January 20, 2023 at 10:18 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of JoAnn R. Lemmen.



January 20, 2023 at 10:01 PM

LR

“ My Mom, Nancy Rock, worked with JoAnn at the Ottawa County Health Department. I found a tribute to their work with AIDS education and outreach while sorting through my Mom's files following her death in September. My sisters and I found comfort in the outpouring of support from friends and community members who experienced Mom's love and care as intensely as we did. It sounds like JoAnn and my Mom shared more than just being stellar nurses; they gave their all and more to their family and community. May we all strive to carry their love and example forward, and may JoAnn's family members be held in the light she brought to this world. --Lisa Rock on behalf of my sisters and in the spirit of our parents.

Lisa Rockj - January 20, 2023 at 08:18 PM

DH

As her sister-in-law, I recall times of her sharing work experiences and how she put herself, heart and soul into helping those who were in deep with troubled lives.

Doreen Harbers - January 21, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of JoAnn R. Lemmen.*



January 20, 2023 at 08:58 AM

CY

“ *JoAnn, was a great Lady. She was always there when I needed to talk. I will love and miss you.*

Carolyn York - January 18, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of JoAnn R. Lemmen.*



January 18, 2023 at 10:40 AM

GD

“ RIP JoAnn. Memories of our years working at 309 N River county building when I was with Sheriffs Dept. Prayers for Mike and family as you grieve and celebrate her life.

Graham Duryee

graham duryee - January 18, 2023 at 08:48 AM

TL

“ JoAnn was a special woman. She was my Honey Lemmen when I was young. In the late 70's and early 80's I would sled on the small hill that was between our houses. I would stand outside her window and yell "Hi Honey Lemmen." She was always there for my parents and our family. She sat me down many times and discussed how my life was going. She was so encouraging on everything. She never judged just gave advance. She is a true angel of God. I have so many great memories and have been so blessed to be know the Lemmens and to be able to call them family because they were more than friends. Love Tracy

Tracy Lucarelli - January 18, 2023 at 05:28 AM