

John Bruursema

November 2, 1936 - November 2, 2019

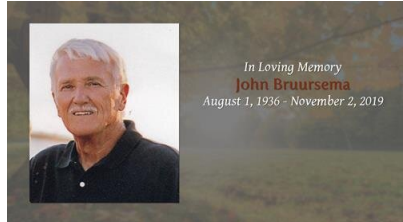
John Bruursema, 83, of Zeeland, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 2, 2019. John was born August 1, 1936, in Holland, to John and Pearl (Borgman) Bruursema. John graduated from Zeeland High School and later married Mary Lou Faber. John played on the Zeeland High football team, and he crowned Mary Lou the queen of the Zeeland High Homecoming Court. John and Mary Lou raised their three children in Zeeland and they were active members of Second Reformed Church. John served as an elder, deacon, Sunday school teacher, boy scout leader, and in countless other duties in service to others. John strove to be a strong compassionate servant leader in all things. John worked in metal machining for most of his working career. He was a part-owner of Progressive Metals prior to his retirement. John was a part-time Zeeland Police officer in the 1960's and 1970's. John also enjoyed the outdoors, spending time hunting, fishing, and camping. John is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Lou, their children: Jan and Dave Bosma of Zeeland, Edwin and Michelle Bruursema of Zeeland, Jill and Troy Brouwer of Zeeland; grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Kelli and Nate Weaver (Carson, Camryn, Chase, Carlia), Mitch Bosma and Julie Honeggar (Logan), Sean and Donielle Bruursema (Elly, Zeke), Bobbilyn Bruursema (Peyton, Edwin), Trent Bruursema, Devyn Brouwer, Ty Brouwer, Gavin Brouwer; sisters: Marilyn Pikaart, Phyllis and Don Polland; in-laws: Elaine Bruursema, Joan and Dave Rutgers, Carol Bruursema, and many extended family. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm, Thursday,

November 7, 2019, at Second Reformed Church, 225 East Central Ave., Zeeland 49464. Visiting hours will be 4:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday, at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Holland.

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John Bruursema*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - November 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Bruursema*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Dear marylou, so sorry to hear of Johns passing. Heard about it just today.I have been having health problems and missed out on a lot that was going on.You sure have our sincere sympathy. May the good Lord be with you. Carl andSandy VanWieren"*

A friend - December 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Marylou and Jill, We are sorry for your loss but we were so happy to have met your Dad earlier on in our lives. Holly always spoke highly of your Mom and Dad. We'll see him again that's our hope. Love, Mary Jo and Terry Helgren"*

Maryjo Helgren - November 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*"MaryLou and family...So very sorry for your loss... John was a great man, showing great care and concern for others. While neighbors and a simple chat at Second, he always had that friendly smile. Prayers for peace being sent to the entire family.Karen and Neil"*

A friend - November 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TH

“*"Mary Lou, Ed and Michelle and family
Deepest Sympathy and Prayers"*

Tom and Eddi Hofstra - November 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TB

“*"Ed,Glad for the opportunity of knowing you & your family while growing up. Your dad was a great guy; always there helping us in scouts and coaching us. He set a good example of what fathers should be. I'm sure he will be deeply missed. We pray God will comfort your hearts in the days ahead.Your friend, Tom Bareense"*

Tom Bareense - November 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LH

“*"SO sorry to hear this. John will be sorely missed."*

Linda Hoek - November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

IK

“*"I wish to express my sympathy to you and yours in this difficult time. My prayer is that the Lord will give you comfort to know that he is in the presence of the Lord with the saints who have gone before. Ike Kuiper!"*

Isaac Kuiper - November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LS

“Our thoughts are with you and your family. Kelly is thankful for the years with John at Holland Metal Craft and we always enjoyed seeing you both at restaurants on Saturday night. We are so sorry for your loss.

Kelly & Lynette Smith

Lynette Smith - November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EA

“Jan, I am deeply sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you often and will keep you and your family in my prayers. I hope you find some measure of comfort in your faith, family, and friends.”

Erica Auger - November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TB

“Thinking of your family during this very difficult loss. Wow, what a wonderful asset he was to the whole community! May you find peace in knowing that he is in the glory of heaven now.”

Tammi Brummel - November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Ed, So sorry to hear of your loss. My mother, Dorothy Dys, always enjoyed the company of your parents at Sand Lake. Thinking of you and your family at this sad time. Regards, - Nelva Vogel”

A friend - November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CB

“Mary Lou and family, My deepest sympathy to you. I lift you up in prayer. May the Lord give you strength and peace in the coming days and years. Sincerely, Carla Beyer”

Carla Beyer - November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SM

“Jan - Thinking of you and your family and praying that the happy memories will carry you through. Sending hugs.”

Sharon Matthews - November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MH

“My deepest sympathy to the whole family. My heart breaks for your loss but I rejoice in his new life through Christ our Lord and Savior . I was so blessed to have had him in my life.”

Mary Heyboer - November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Jan, I'm so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayer for you and your family. Deb Kampen Wodarek”

A friend - November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

NB

“Thinking of you MaryLou and your family. It is so hard to say goodbye.”

Nancy Barens - November 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JL

“Jan, I am so sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers with you at this time. May the peace of the Lord cover you all during this season. Thinking of you. Jenna”

Jenna Louis - November 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM