



John G. Horsting

November 25, 1938 - September 22, 2022

John G. Horsting, age 83, of Zeeland, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at home surrounded by his family.

John was born in the Netherlands on November 25, 1938 to Pieter and Martha (Wierenga) Horsting. He immigrated to the United States in 1957 with his family. John Married Gesine Van Munster in 1959 and raised their three sons in Holland.

John was an active member of Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church, serving as Elder, Deacon, and Cadet Counselor. Throughout his life, he was involved in music. He had a beautiful bass voice and belonged to many vocal organizations. He was a long-time member of the church choir and sang in various singing groups, quartets, and sextets in church. He was a member of the Magnachords, a former charter member of the Holland Chorale, and former member of His Men. He was always heard singing or whistling around the house. He would never pass up a dessert or a pencil. John enjoyed pencil collecting. At one time he had about forty-five thousand pencils that he displayed on the walls of the garage. He was the president of the National Pencil Collector Society for a number of years.

John loved kids and always carried Smarties in his pocket for them, many called him Grandpa John.

John was a local home builder and home inspector, a member and past president of the local Home Builder's Association and a Senior Life Director of the State and National HBA.

He enjoyed working in his workshop, making either trucks or a bus for each one of his sons.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Martha in 1942, his father, Pieter in 1992, his sister, Tineke Cooper, by three brothers, Jerry, Bert, and Peter Horsting, by parents-in-law, Harm and Enne Van Munster and sister-in-law, Donna Van Munster.

John is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gesine; children, Ron and Robin Horsting of Overisel, Rick and Cara Horsting of Saugatuck, Mike Horsting and Scott Fleming of Chicago; 7 grandchildren, Steve and Melinda Wunder, Sandra and Brian Tharp, Nicole and Brad Alvesteffer, Rachelle Horsting, Matt Hough, Heather Horsting, Mason and Kambrea Horsting; 8 great grandchildren; in-laws; Betty Horsting, John and Emma Van Munster, Harry Van Munster; several nieces and nephews.

John's family is grateful for the kindness and excellent care he received from Hospice of Holland.

To view the livestream of the service, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/c/CentralAvenueChristianReformedChurch>

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church, 259 Central Ave. Holland with Revs. James H. Scholten and Chad Steenwyk officiating. Interment will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Monday, September 26, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association and the

American Diabetes Association.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 E 16th St
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-2306
info@langelandsterenberg.com
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church
259 Central Ave.
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall

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“ Our kids LOVED Grandpa John! He and Mrs. Horsting took them out for ice cream (two ice cream places in one night...one right after the other), he watched Josh practice ball in front of the condo, took us on a tour to Hudsonville Ice Cream, and went to the kids' classrooms at Zeeland Christian to talk about his pencil collection. He is a special friend who will be missed!

Sheryl York - September 26, 2022 at 07:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John G. Horsting.



September 26, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John G. Horsting.



September 26, 2022 at 10:11 AM

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“ I will never forget John’s welcoming smile (and of course the candy) every time I saw him at church growing up. He lit up with Gods love, and it was contagious. I’m thankful for the influence he and his wife had on me for so many years. Till we meet again! Praying for his family in this time of transition.

Grace Trevino - September 25, 2022 at 05:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John G. Horsting.



September 25, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John G. Horsting.



September 23, 2022 at 10:22 PM

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“ I met John when I waitressed my first job at 16 in 1977. He came in for lunch and I dropped a pile of plates at his feet. He looked at me and said, hey, Trouble! He called me that every time he saw me after that, many decades later. So sorry to hear of his passing - my thoughts go out to his family ♡

sandy Goodman - September 23, 2022 at 08:29 PM