



John L. Heuvelman

August 24, 1928 - April 19, 2026

John Heuvelman, age 97, passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2026.

John was born on August 24, 1928, in Hudsonville, MI to Henry and Hermina Heuvelman, arriving into this world at just 2 lbs. John proved to be a fighter from the very beginning.

In his early years, John worked on his family farm until enlisting in the army in 1951, where he became a corporal. Upon returning to the States, he married Joyce Schreur and they later had their only child, Vicky in 1956.

While working at Howard Miller Clock Co., he met his second wife of 54 years, Grethyll, who passed away in July 2024.

He was passionate about God, farming, John Deere tractors, and loved to travel. John had a smile that would light up a room and a laugh that will be remembered in the hearts of his loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Grethyll Heuvelman; brother-in-law, Al Eding; and son-in-law, Tom Tapley.

He is survived by his daughter, Vicky Brouwer (Larry Vera), Cheryl Tapley, Sandi (Jerry) Ray; grandchildren, Derick (Gemini) Brouwer, Stephanie (Jacob)

de Boer, Beau (Charity) Vera, Donald (Lori) Tapley, Melissa DeJonge, Laura Norman, Tammie and Jacob Jacobs, Corey (Katrina) Volkers; numerous great-grandchildren; sister, Gerzella (Floyd) Kerkstra; sister, Mary Eding; and his extended family.

Private family services are being planned.

Burial to take place in Restlawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in John's honor may be given to Orchards of Douglas, Corewell Health Hospice at www.corewellhealth.org/foundation.

www.langelandsterenberg.com

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Gardens

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family,
I worked with John at Howard Miller, and also with Gret. John was a great guy and I most remember his wide and genuine smile. I was the Plant Manager and had a great admiration for John’s work ethic and integrity. And I also admired Gret’s vibrant personality and wonderful smile (and good work ethic too). They both were great people that contributed greatly to Howard Miller. Great memories.

Ron Dykstra - May 20 at 10:09 PM

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“ John (my Grandpa) was the sweetest and caring man one could know. I loved his smile and he had the best laugh. My children loved riding the pedal tractors he collected and taking them for ice cream in their antique car, riding in the rumble seats. It was a couple of their fondest memories with their Great Grandpa. He will truly be missed but always in our hearts. ❤️

Melissa (Missy) Dejonge - April 20 at 10:09 PM