



John A. Heyboer, Jr.

August 7, 1926 - January 4, 2019

John A. Heyboer Jr., age 92, of Holland, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Friday, January 4, 2019. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 70 years, Wava; his children: Jack and Patti Heyboer, Philip and Christine De Jong, Marcia and Jerry Van Nuil, Lisa and Cal Blystra and Jim and Heather Heyboer; grandchildren: Mandy and Joel Cooper, Kate and Bewketo Likaont, John and Mia Heyboer, Patrick and Jenna Heyboer, Ruth De Jonge and Charlie Skinner, Philip Jr. and Jenny De Jong, Peter De Jong, Alex De Jong, Rachel De Jong, Melissa and Matt Nelson, Jennifer Van Nuil and Peterson Gasangwa, Jeremy and Jen Van Nuil, Lindsey Van Nuil, Adam and Claire Blystra, Marci and Jeff Mulder, David and Claire Blystra, Peter and Jenny Heyboer, Jason and Lara Heyboer, Megan and David Koens, 31 great grandchildren; sister Norma Timmer and sister-in-law Jeanette Denton. John was preceded in death by a great grandchild, Angel Koens; his siblings: Edwin Heyboer, Gerald T. Heyboer and Connie Hophan. John proudly served his country in the United States Army as a Tech Sargent after the end of WWII. He started his career in insurance in Detroit with Michigan Inspection Bureau in 1948. He moved to Holland in 1964 and started the Van Lente-Heyboer Agency, the agency grew substantially through mergers and acquisitions; he retired as president in 1991 from Grand Rapids Holland Insurance Agency. John was the past-president of West Michigan CPCU. He was deeply respected in his field. John also volunteered at CRWRC Disaster Relief, Crossroads Prison Ministries and he served on the board of Resthaven.

John and Wava were avid golfers and U of M fans, they traveled extensively and also traveled all across the US in their RV. Above all else John was a generous and loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a fierce follower of Jesus Christ and for a large portion of his life Faith Christian Reformed Church was his home church, currently John and Wava were attending Ridge Point Community Church. He also sang in the Trinity Mens Chorus. A time of visitation will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland. Private funeral services for extended family are planned. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Holland or Crossroads Prison Ministries. www.langelandsterenebrg.com

Tribute Wall



“ *John A. Heyboer, Jr.*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Our deepest sympathy we share with you all; Wava and all the children and grandchildren. Working with John and Jack brings up so many good memories. May God's comfort and peace be with each of you. We loved to see John come recently in the evenings to our church."*

Dick Mulder - January 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Extending my sympathy to Wava and the family of John. It was my pleasure to work with John for close to 10 years and then to reconnect and see him periodically in recent years when he visited occasionally for evening worship at Graafschap Church."*

Karen - January 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"My heart goes out to you Wava and family. I'll never forget the fun both of you and my parents had together. Uncle Johnnie will be remembered dearly. My God comfort you at this time."*

Kathy Potter Klamt - January 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MB

“Cal & Lisa - Trust you are feeling the many thoughts/prayers of us, your friends, as your memories are your comfort and assurance of Jesus' love. What a man!! He is rejoicing with the angels - what a joy!!”

Marcia Boerman - January 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DA

“So sorry to hear about John's passing, he was certainly a great Christian man. Our prayers and sympathy go out to Wava and the families at this very difficult time.”

Dave - January 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KB

“I am so sorry to hear of John's passing, he was one of the sweetest people I know. My love & prayers for comfort & peace go out to Wava & the family.”

Kim Brandt - January 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SH

“May God grant you comfort in your time of sorrow, and may you smile when you remember all the good times you had together.”

Sue Bos Higgins - January 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JN

“Our deepest sympathy to Aunt Wava and cousins. Uncle John was surely one of the good guys to all of us. I believe he lived life to the fullest and surely he could be the "I" in the poem, "I think I climbed the tallest tree That other poets missed. In fact there is no part of life, I've not embraced and kissed!" by Crystal Denton Nelson. God bless you Uncle John from your ring bearer 70 years ago,”

John Denton Nelson - January 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *“Jerry I am so sorry to read about the loss of your father in law.”* ”

Sally Anderson - January 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ *“Our sympathy to Wava, children, and grandchildren of John and Wava. I enjoyed the opportunity to work with John, and his sons, for the last 9 years of his career. Wayne & Kelly Walkotten”* ”

Wayne Walkotten - January 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM