



## John Karsten

November 5, 1936 - August 13, 2022

John Karsten, age 85, of Holland, passed away Saturday, August 13, 2022 at his home.

To view John's Funeral Service, please visit:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/el15ue9s6h50yyi/JOhn%20Karston%20Funeral.mp4?dl=0>

Now John is walking the streets of gold, seeing beautiful buildings and riches untold, calling out “Here Ye, Here Ye” ringing a golden bell, saying “no more dirty streets, I’m home and all is well.” You are so missed, John, Opa, by all of us. But happy you are now, O so glad for a new body and being in God’s presence.

John served with the Dutch Marines in the Netherlands, worked at Yff’s Grocery Store, managed Shopper’s Fare, and retired from Johnson Controls Interiors (JCI, Inc.) after 15 years. He was involved with Tulip Time since 1967 and was the Town Crier for 40 years from 1979 to 2019. He also served as President of the Town Crier’s Guild of America. John was a member of Central Wesleyan Church and loved by many.

John was preceded in death by his daughter, Frances Ann Groover in 2020.

John is survived by his:

Wife of 65 years, Wieda Karsten

Children

John H. Karsten of Lansing

Elizabeth (Steve) Zeerip of Vriesland

Irene (Eric) Kroll of Olive Center

10 Grandchildren

14 Great Grandchildren

5 Great Great Grandchildren

1 brother and 5 sisters all living in the Netherlands

Brother-in-Law

Andrew (Mary) Huisman of Holland.

Funeral services are planned for 10:00am Saturday, August 20 at Central Wesleyan Church, 446 W 40th St., Holland (use entrances A & I). Rev. Harrison Newhouse will officiate. Visitation is scheduled for 4:00-7:00pm Friday, August 19 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E 16th St., Holland. Burial will be in North Holland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Forgotten Man Ministries and Central Wesleyan Church. Condolences may be left online at [www.langelandsterenbergh.com](http://www.langelandsterenbergh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## North Holland Cemetery

James Street and Beeline Road  
Holland, MI 49424

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **19**. 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

AUG **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Central Wesleyan Church  
446 West 40th St.  
Holland, MI 49423

*Please use entrances A and I*

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Karsten*

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Wierda and family, we are so sorry for your loss and are praying for you in this difficult time. We fondly remember your family growing up ,attending church with you and then moving on. In these last few years it was always a pleasure seeing you at the Dutch Heritage Dinner. Of course TulipTime with John being our town crier to clean the streets will never be the same.*

*So sorry we couldn't be at the visitation due to health issues, but you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Fondly, Judy and Bill Van Appledorn*

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**judy & Bill Van Appledorn** - August 21, 2022 at 05:58 PM

YB

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Wieda, Irene and Elizabeth and your families. I'm praying for all of you during this difficult journey.

*Wieda - you and John were such a great couple and you had such a great family. It was such a privilege to get to know all of you during the Dutch Heritage shows we performed for so many years. So many happy memories. John was such a character and so much fun.*

*I wasn't able to attend visitation but thought I'd share a memory. I have a visual of John in his Town Crier costume dancing in his wooden shoes on the streets of gold.*

*God bless all of you,  
Yvonne Bouws (Dutch Heritage Show)*

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**Yvonne Bouws** - August 19, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ 6 files added to the album *Tulip Time*



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**William Doeblar** - August 19, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ *It was always such a joy to see John at the head of the Wednesday street scrub parade. "The streets are dirty and they must be scrubbed" and then the same phrase repeated in Dutch. Sally & Bill Doeblar*

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**William Doeblar** - August 19, 2022 at 02:15 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Karsten.*



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August 19, 2022 at 04:55 AM



“ *Hij was een voorbeeld voor ons allen. Hij was de rust en had tot heel laat (leeftijd) nog een dijk van een stem. Jan dank voor alle jaren dat we je mochten horen. EVSDON*

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**Frans** - August 17, 2022 at 07:38 AM



“ *You will be greatly missed dear friend.  
Praying for you Wieda, and the rest of the family.  
May God surround you with His comfort and perfect peace. Love you!*

*John and Gesine Horsting*

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**John & Gesine Horsting** - August 16, 2022 at 01:45 PM

BP

“ *My deepest condolences to Weida and the rest of the family. I will never forget the kindness and hospitality shown to Jerry and me when we were new Town Criers. We always enjoyed our visits to Holland to participate in the Tulip Festival. May John rest in peace.*

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**Bev Prayer** - August 15, 2022 at 08:47 PM