



## John Myaard

January 20, 1933 - March 18, 2017

John Myaard, age 84 of Holland, was peacefully received into the presence of Jesus Christ Saturday, March 18, 2017. John is survived by his wife of 36 years, Barbara; children: Mike Myaard, Lori Tanis, Tim (Tracy) Myaard; grandchildren: Tena and Joe Myaard, Joshua (Anna) Tanis, Jordan (Jennifer) Tanis, Tyler (Michelle) Tanis, and JD and Kate Myaard; step-children: Jim Shuck, Susan (Ryan) Huber and Mary (Greg) Van Til; step-grandchildren: Kelsie (Scott) Somero, Kalynn Shuck, Luc and Jessica Drew, Alexandra and Caleb Van Til; also 5 great grandchildren; sisters: Shirley De Braal, Marcia (Bob) Walters; brother Al (Bev) Myaard; brother-in-law Ed Van Dam; several nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his parents Herbert and Tena (Beyer) Myaard, his twin sister Nancy, brother-in-law Dale Vermeer and sister-in-law Linda Van Dam.

He graduated from Zeeland High School and Davenport College. John served in the U.S. Navy from 1952-1954 and in 1955 he joined Northwestern Mutual Financial Network where he had a very successful career both as a financial agent and as a financial representative and advisor. In 1970-1971 he was President of the District Agents Association and in 1986 he served as President for the General Agents Association. He was a member of the Davenport College Foundation Board of Trustees and in 1991 John was presented the Distinguished Alumni Award. He was also for many years the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Words of Hope, the radio broadcasting arm of the Reformed Church. John was also a man of faith, who

was very supportive at Christ Memorial Church in Holland. A special thank you to all the staff at Freedom Village who lovingly and compassionately cared for John and his family for the six and a half years he lived there.

There will be a time of visitation from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland. The funeral service for John will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 23, 2017 in the sanctuary at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafscahp Road, Holland (please use entrances B & C). The Reverends David Bast and Bill Boersma will officiate. Interment will be in Forest Grove Cemetery. Those wishing to offer expressions of sympathy are encouraged to make a memorial contribution to Words of Hope, PO Box 1706, Grand Rapids, MI 49501. [www.yntemafh.com](http://www.yntemafh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Myaard*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Mike, Lori & Tim, I only learned of your dad's passing yesterday. Your dad left my life way too early, but he remained my Uncle John. I remember his stories about the Navy and turtle soup. When I was young he would do that trick with his thumb making me believe he had removed my nose, and I believed him!! He always put it back. I remember going ice fishing with him and Mike in Cadillac. We stayed in a hotel with an indoor pool!! A first for me. I remember Christmas, softball games, going to see the Pistons in Muskegon, a small cottage at Port Sheldon. I believe our paths crossed one time in the mid-late 70s at a restaurant. He was in his softball uniform, and I was with friends. Dimly lit and smoky, we made eye contact on several occasions, and I think we both thought, "I know him, but I'm not sure." I am sure of this, I missed him and there was a hole in my life. What a joy knowing he is in the presence of the Lord. My sincere condolences. If I'd been in Michigan I'd have been there."*

**Rick Moore** - March 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear John & Barb, Thank you for Mentoring Dave & in our marriage all those years ago. You showed us what true love is in marriage. Thank you for all of the dinners together, many fishing trips, & so many "John" stories that our sides were hurting from laughter. John, you were the best of the best. Barb, you are in my prayers & always in my heart. Love You, Mary Molyneux"*

**Mary Molyneux** - March 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *John Myaard sold me insurance in the late 1950s when he worked with John Danhof and Larry. In later years he became a friend.* ”

A friend - March 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *My condolences to the family. I knew John from Forest Grove Reformed Church. Kenneth Ensing* ”

A friend - March 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *" This picture of John is perfect. Looking right at me, alert, full of kindness and all wrapped up in that wonderful smile. John is a special role model to so many on how to do a big job well, have fun and help people at every turn. After work while in tie and coat we stopped by the garden to pick peas for dinner. Naturally at ease because everybody is a friend. Blessed to have your friendship John, we miss and will remember you daily, yours Glenn Dorr"* ”

glenn Dorr - March 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *"BarbaraOur thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. What a privilege for Joan and I to have known and had time together with you and John. May you have peace in knowing our Lord.Gary and Joan Melvin"* ”

Gary Melvin - March 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *"We are very sorry to hear John is gone. I am many memories of he and my Dad, Marv Patmos, talking together. Dick and Margaret Patmos"* ”

Dick Patmos - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MW

“*I had the unique privilege of working with John for over 30 years. He was my mentor, business partner, and loyal friend. I will miss him very much.*”

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**Marilyn Weiss** - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BC

“*Dear Barb, Our prayers are with you for GOD's peace and love, especially at this time. Praying that Jesus will surround you with those who will be able to help you through, right now, right where you are. Praying for you, Betsy*”

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**Betsy Corrie** - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“*I had the opportunity to be on a few committees with John at Northwestern Mutual. He was a strong advocate and a smart businessman. He cared about his clients and the company. Northwestern Mutual was built by people like John. Rest In Peace.*”

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**John Qualy** - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TW

“No one is larger in life than John Myaard. I first met John in late Oct 1986. He and partner Jim Schmitz had purchased a farm I had rented that year and Jim commented to be "sharp" when I first meet John. Well, it was later in the afternoon, pouring rain, when John and his best friend Del came screeching to a stop on our muddy gravel road where we working some cattle nearby and John bounced out of his Suburban soaking wet wanting to shake my hand for working his farm! To be quite honest I was taken back just abit. Then he is insisently inviting me to come to his place in Michigan to go fishing, that he had a small "shanty" I could stay in. So, the next summer after a few phone calls back and forth I landed at the lake house for the first time. The small "shanty" totally blew us away. That is when I realized that John Myaard could definitely back his talk! John and I talked regularly from Oct thru Dec (hunting season in Iowa) and again from June thru August (fishing season in Mich). John (33 years my senior) taught me about hard work and hard play. Every year John would come with friends but also every year he would land at my house at 7 am (6.5hrs drive) take me for breakfast, (when you were with John he made certain you ate very well) hunt ALL day, clean his birds, take very good care of his dogs and at dark turn around drive the 6.5 hrs back home and be at the first one at work very next day!!! Who does this? John has been one of the biggest influences of my life as I'm certain is true for everyone that was fortunate enough to know him. I am less without him now, but am certain I am a much better person for have having him part of me. My pain and sorrow is strong right now but that will change into excitement as I am running full speed to jump onto his train in the next world!! Thank you for all the exciting times John!!”

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**Tom Welsh** - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RO

“Sue and I extend our sincere sympathies to all of the family. John was my first agent, mentor and friend for many years.”

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**Ron** - March 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM