



## John B Otting

June 22, 1929 - January 20, 2015

The Lord called the name of John B. Otting, age 85, of Zeeland, on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. His departure was unexpected by his family, but his days preordained by his Lord. A Zeeland native, John was a graduate of Calvin College, and veteran of the US Army, serving in Japan during the Korean Conflict. After his returning from Japan, he married the love of his life, and completed a Master's degree in bacteriology and mycology from Michigan State University. John went to work in the laboratory at DePree Pharmaceutical working his way up to Laboratory Director, and Vice President. In 1978, he started his own business, JB Laboratories, which was later located in the old DePree Building on 6th and Central in Holland and in Holland's Industrial Park. John was a God-fearing, generous, wise, and humorous man. He served the City of Holland on the zoning board, was active in various service clubs and served as an elder and deacon. He was a member of the Bay Presbyterian Church of America in Bonita Springs. John was predeceased by his parents, Ben and Jennie (Fongers) Otting; sisters, Nora (Alfred) Dozeman, Dorothy (Alvin) Geerlings, and Beatrice (Howard) Redder; sister-in-law, Ann (Hank) Lumkes. Dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, John is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jeanne; daughter, Dr. Jody (Randall) Vogelzang (Katelyn (Hayden), Kara, Karlie); Joel (Elizabeth) Otting. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 24 at 3:00pm at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S State St., Zeeland with Pastor Tom Vanden Heuvel officiating. Friends and family are invited to share

a cup of coffee and memories with the family on Saturday prior to the service from 1:30 pm-2:30 pm at the funeral home. Private interment will be at Zeeland Cemetery. Contributions in John's memory may be made to the mission work of: Lynn Vander Wood-Aho #5979  
c/o University of the Nations Kona Foundation  
75-5851 Kuakini Hwy #256  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740-2199

# Tribute Wall



“ *John B Otting*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Jeanne and family, so sorry for the sudden loss of John. I'm sure he will be sadly missed by family and friends. He was a kind wonderful man. I was blessed to have known him. Sincerely, Darby.*”

**A friend** - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were so sorry to read in the Naples Daily News of John's passing. We were neighbors for so many years here in Copperleaf. He was always good to talk with and we miss seeing him walk with Benji. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Jeanne and your family. Sincerely, Nancy and Jack Meeker*”

**Nancy Meeker** - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle John. My prayers are with your family.*”

**Cher Geerlings Little** - January 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jody and family: My deepest sympathies to you in the loss of your dad, grandfather and husband. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*”

**Dawn DeVries** - January 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“*Jeanne and family. So surprised at your sudden loss. Had just spoken about you last week as we were wanting you to know of the passing of our 96 year old Mother last Saturday. Looks like both our families will be celebrating their entry into Heaven at their services this Saturday. Much love, prayers, and wonderful memories from our lifetime of friendship. The Entire Dick Ver Hage Family*”

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**Karen Ver Hage** - January 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM