



## Julia Martha VanderLaan

June 17, 1939 - September 20, 2025

Julia M. VanderLaan, age 86, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, September 20, 2025.

Julia joined the Peace Corps in 1964 and worked in Nigeria and Turkey. After that, she was a labor and delivery nurse at Butterworth Hospital and at Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital. Julia also worked at the Veteran's Hospital in California for a time. She traveled extensively both internationally and throughout the USA. Julia was a member of Boston Square Church in Grand Rapids since 1966.

Julia was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Martha VanderLaan; brothers, James VanderLaan and Harold VanderLaan (James was Julia's twin); and sister-in-law, Carolyn VanderLaan.

Julia is survived by her:

Sister Ruth (Marv) VanderLaan-Vos

Sister-in-law Judy VanderLaan

Several nieces and nephews

A memorial service for Julia is planned for 1:00pm Saturday, October 11 at Boston Square Church, 1803 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507.

Rev. Jay Blankespoor will officiate. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. Memorial contributions in Julia's memory may be given to Boston Square Church and Interim Hospice. The VanderLaan family would like to thank the staff at Green Acres in Lowell and Trisha at Interim Hospice for the loving care Julia received.

Arrangements are by Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at [www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E 16th St.  
Holland, MI 49423

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Boston Square Church  
1803 Kalamazoo Ave SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

# Tribute Wall

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Ann Hubbard - September 23, 2025 at 02:32 PM

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*My sincere condolences to Julia's family in her death which happened on my birthday. I was shocked to get a notice today Oct 11), is it possible to listen to her memorial from the church? I have so many memories of our time together in Nigeria and later when her visits to Calgary and my trips to GR. & Florida. Cherish the memories.  
with love and prayers, Ruth*

Ruth Krabbe - October 11, 2025 at 07:01 PM

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*Our sincere sympathy and love in your loss. Like Ruth, we wish we would have known sooner, so we could have joined you for the memorial service. Her life was one of joyful dedication and service to her Savior. She blessed so many of us. May God's comfort, strength and peace envelope you. Meta*

Meta Moerdyk - October 12, 2025 at 06:44 AM