



## Karen Jean (Assink) Vander Haar

January 15, 1942 - June 29, 2023

Karen Jean (Assink) Vander Haar, age 81, of Holland, passed into the Gates of Glory on Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Karen lived her life with a tenacious faith. She leaves behind a legacy of love and grace among her family and friends for whom she was a constant advocate. Karen loved to be social and bring people together.

Karen loved her family deeply and is survived by her husband, David Vander Haar; children: Joy (Randy) Ensing, Greg (Deb) Assink, Michael (Le Ann) Assink, Dan (Marie) Assink, Nancy Leep, Roger (Carol) Leep, Rochelle (Brad) Boes, Susan (Mark) Ermatinger, Denise (Kevin) Dekker, Keith Vander Haar; 25 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren (with 6 more on the way); sister, Barb (Glen) Meyaard; in-laws Lyle (Carol) Vander Haar, Sandy (John) Zalis.

Karen was preceded in death by her first husband, Jerry Assink in 2013, granddaughter Kelsey Assink in 2002, great-grandson Hunter Palmbos, daughter-in-law Marnie Assink, and brother, Roland Folkert.

A funeral service to celebrate Karen's life and faith will be at 1:00 PM on Monday, July 3, 2023, at Harlem Reformed Church, 6854 144th Ave, Holland, MI, 49424. Visitation with the family will be Sunday July 2, from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 East 16th St. Holland, MI

49423. Memorial contributions may be given to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or [huntersgrace.org](http://huntersgrace.org). To leave condolences online, please visit [www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Restlawn Memorial Gardens

994 Paw Paw Dr  
Holland, MI 49423  
(616) 396-4949

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home  
315 E 16th St  
Holland, MI 49423  
(616) 392-2306  
info@langelandsterenberg.com  
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

## Visitation

JUL 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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315 E 16th St  
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## Funeral Service

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JUL 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Harlem Reformed Church  
6854 144th St.  
Holland, MI 49424  
<http://www.harlemchurch.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Karen (Assink) Vander Haar Funeral Service in memory of Karen Jean (Assink) Vander Haar*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - July 05, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Jean (Assink) Vander Haar*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - July 03, 2023 at 03:05 PM

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“ *My sympathies to Barb and Glenn Meyaard and Roland Folkert. Sorry for your loss. She will be missed. The clan is getting small now. I don't get the paper, so I'm sorry I missed the service. Only Paul's wife, Betty Lou and myself remain from our direct family. May God give you peace.  
You will remain in my prayers for His comfort.  
Sincerely, Mary Lu Obrenovich*

Mary Lu Obrenovich - August 15, 2023 at 02:47 PM

TK

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Karen. She was such a bubbly person who loved life and loved to talk!! I cleaned her teeth every 3 months and I would always tell her it was our "coffee time" together. She became a friend and I always looked forward to see her. Then after I retired I would see her in Florida when we got together for "taco Tuesday". She was truly a joy to know and I will miss her. I'm sure she's with my mom and they are both "talking up a storm"!!

Tami Kraai - July 03, 2023 at 07:43 AM

JE

*My mom sure loved her times with you too*

joy ensing - July 03, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Jean (Assink) Vander Haar.



July 01, 2023 at 04:22 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Jean (Assink) Vander Haar.



June 30, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Jean (Assink) Vander Haar.

June 30, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ Rob and Cheryl Wortelboer purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Jean (Assink) Vander Haar.



Rob and Cheryl Wortelboer - June 30, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Jean (Assink) Vander Haar.

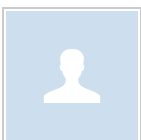


June 29, 2023 at 09:05 PM



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June 29, 2023 at 09:05 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Jean (Assink) Vander Haar.



June 29, 2023 at 04:40 PM

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“ *John & Doris Ermatinger & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Karen Jean (Assink) Vander Haar.*



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**John & Doris Ermatinger & Family** - June 29, 2023 at 03:26 PM