



## Kenneth Wayne Elhart

May 19, 1929 - February 22, 2026

Funeral service livestream can be viewed at [fumcholland.org](https://fumcholland.org) (<https://fumcholland.org>) and clicking "Watch Live" or directly here (<https://fumcholland.online.church/>)

Kenneth W. Elhart, age 96, of Holland, passed away Sunday, February 22, 2026 at Freedom Village.

Ken was a long time member of First United Methodist Church of Holland and served on their Board of Directors and Finance Committee. He also was an Associate Member of the First United Methodist Church of Hobe Sound, Florida, where he volunteered in their Mission Store. Ken was the founder of Elhart Automotive Campus of Holland and served on the Dealer Advisory Board for Pontiac, GMC Truck, Dodge and Jeep. In addition, Ken served on the First Michigan Bank Board of Directors, was the Past President of the Holland Board of Public Works, Past Director of the Holland Chamber of Commerce, and served in the United States Coast Guard. He enjoyed boating, traveling, and golfing with his wife, Margaret.

Ken's most treasured moments besides his business and community involvement were spent with his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and his many friends in Holland and in Florida.

Born on May 19, 1929 during the depression, Ken lived a life full of incredibly challenging and yet rewarding times. His unwavering faith as he puts it carried him through nearly ten decades. In Ken's words shared with his Methodist Church in Hobe Sound, Florida 15 years ago, "I realize how truly blessed I am. In addition to good health, I am blessed with a wonderful wife, a loving family of children and grandchildren, and great friends. Oh yes, there have been rocky times during my lifetime but they have made me realize the importance of putting my trust and faith in God to help me through those difficult experiences. A statement that I carry with me is this:

In happy moments, praise God;  
In difficult moments, seek God;  
In painful moments, trust God;  
And every moment, thank God."

Ken was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; son, Wayne Elhart; and sisters, Joann Vermetti and Clara Vander Laan.

Ken is survived by his:

Son

Jeffrey (Cherie) Elhart

Daughter-in-Law

Kathy Elhart

Step-sons

R. Michael (Helen) Redman

W. Scott (Kimberley) Redman

Grandchildren

Jacob (Danielle) Elhart  
Benjamin (Allison) Elhart  
Jasmine Redman  
Mariah Redman  
Colin Redman  
Sean Redman

Great Grandchildren  
Maeson Elhart  
Avery Elhart  
Malcom Elhart

Funeral services are planned for 11:00am Thursday, February 26, at First United Methodist Church, 57 W 10th St., Holland. Rev. Tania Dozeman will officiate. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation is scheduled for 3:00-6:00pm Wednesday, February 25, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E 16th St., Holland. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wayne Elhart "be nice." Memorial Fund c/o The Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland Area. The Elhart family would like to express their deepest gratitude to those who cared for Ken especially during the last year since his wife Margaret's passing. They include Comfort Keepers of Holland, Freedom Village, and Hospice of Holland. Condolence messages may be left online at [www.langelandsterenbergh.com](http://www.langelandsterenbergh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home  
315 E 16th St  
Holland, MI 49423-4213

## Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist  
57 West 10th Street  
Holland, MI 49423

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you Ken, for sharing your gifts with the world. We are all better having known you. You'll be missed. My prayers to the entire family, may the trinity of God, Christ, the Holy Spirit provide comfort and peace during Ken's passing.

Andrew Marsh - February 24 at 01:31 PM

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Graham Duryee - February 24 at 11:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wayne Elhart.



February 24 at 10:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth Wayne Elhart.

February 24 at 10:27 AM

JB

“ I'm a better man today for having experienced the generosity and friendship of the Elhart family. Gods Blessings and peace to his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Ken lived a full life.

James F Brown - February 24 at 05:09 AM

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“ *Our sincere condolences to Jeff and family. Gary and Barb Schippa*

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**Barbara Schippa** - February 24 at 04:48 AM

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“ *I bought a couple of cars from him. My dad, who was my surrogate car buyer, would only deal with him at Elhart's. I don't think the deal was better than any of the line salesmen could have made, but my dad always felt he had been treated well by Ken. I am sorry to hear of his passing. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

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**Thomas Folkert** - February 23 at 08:19 PM