



Kurt VanGenderen

August 20, 1941 - April 15, 2018

Kurt VanGenderen, age 76, of Holland, died suddenly from cardiac arrest on April 15, 2018 while spending the night in Williamsburg, KY, as he and his wife Beverly were traveling to Michigan from wintering in Florida. He was born in Denver, Colorado and loved to ski but truly appreciated the values and lifestyle of living in the Midwest after residing in Holland for almost 50 years. Kurt graduated from Hope College in 1963 and Tuck Business School at Dartmouth in 1965. He began his career in investments in Hartford, CT, before joining the development staff at Hope College. He subsequently continued development work at Camp Geneva and started his own investment firm, Branch Capital Management, from which he retired in 2015. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bev; his children and their spouses, Gail and Bryan Harries, Mark and Laura VanGenderen, Joanne and Jack Joliat; as well as eight grandchildren, Owen and Adam Harries, Aaron, Ethan, Catherine and Mei Lin VanGenderen, Elliott and Charlotte Joliat. He is also survived by three brothers, Larry, Warren and Scott; sister, Sue Watson; and sister-in-law, Anita Joeckel; as well as cousins, nieces and nephews. Kurt had determination and drive which coupled with his good humor, his sense of adventure and fun, his unfailing optimism, his immediate rapport with anyone he met, his lack of pretensions, his creativity, and especially his faith in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and love for his family, enabled him to live every day of his 76 years to the fullest. A memorial service is scheduled for 2:00pm Sunday, April 22, at Pillar Church, 57 E 10th St., Holland, with Rev. Timothy Brown and Rev.

Andres Fierro officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Branch Scholarship Fund at Hope College. Arrangements are by Langeland-Sterenbergs Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at www.langelandsterenberg.com. "I am the vine and you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
John 15:5

Tribute Wall



“ *Kurt VanGenderen*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Dear VanGenderen Family, Sylvia and I are so sorry we missed the news of Kurt's death. We were away on vacation and just learned today of his sudden passing. We extend our deep, deep sympathy to each of you. Our prayer is that God will surround each of you with His Love, Grace and Peace."*

Dick Stoudt - April 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I just learned of Kurt's death. I'm so sorry. (I don't have your current phone number Mark to express my sympathy personally.) I'm out of town so can't attend the service, but know that you are in my prayers. It was a privilege to know Kurt. His smile and positive attitude were a blessing."*

Ken Neevel - April 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Bev and family, I wish to extend my deep condolence to you all. The depth of our grief is a reflection of how important Kurt was to so many. He was my best Hope College friend. We played football together, pledged the same fraternity, shared an apartment for several years, and double dated. I was also honored to be his best man. Needless to say he will be missed. It is perhaps fitting that the last time we were together we were able to cheer the Flying Dutch football team to victory last Fall. You are in my prayers."*

Paul Hyink - April 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BG

“*Dear Bev, my thoughts and prayers are with you and Gail, Mark, and Joanne. Kurt was a true Christian. He will be missed by so many for his kindness and great sense of humor. Hugs, Bev*”

Beverly Griffin - April 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Dave and I were so sorry to hear that Kurt had a fatal heart attack on your way home from Florida. May God comfort you and give you the peace and strength to carry on. Our prayers will be with you and your family as you deal with this sudden loss. Carole and Dave Lake*”

Mr - April 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BD

“*Dear Bev and family, We were so very sorry to hear about your loss. When Warren entered our lives, it at times felt like we sisters inherited these wonderful, fun brothers along with him. Blessings as you say good bye, Lane and Barb Dorcy (Martha's sister)*”

Barb Dorcy - April 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CP

“*Bev, we are so sorry to hear of Kurt's passing. You and your whole family have our deepest sympathy and prayers to endure this. We won't forget Kurt's wonderful smile and sense of humor--and the lovely long graces he said at our dinners! He truly served the Lord with a glad heart.*”

Cory and Lou Pepoy - April 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MT

“Beverly we are so saddened by Kurts death. Our memories are so vivid of him. He was such a vision of what a Christian in business can be. I always remember how he summed up how blessed we were. You and the family are in our prayers. We are still in Florida but Sunday at Mass we will offer it for him. Mary Lou and Tom”

Mary Taylor - April 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SW

“We have so many memories of Kurt with his coffee mug in hand, stopping over nearly daily to catch-up on today's news (for 28+ years) ! Neighbor, friend, counselor, storyteller (only true ones), comedian and confidant are just a few words that capture, in part, our deep friendship with Kurt and family. Our hearts are heavy for you, Van Genderen family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Love, Scott, Heather, Anna, Ethan and Jane Wolterink”

Scott Wolterink - April 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“Bev, So sorry to hear about Kurt's passing. His life was an example of what it means to be a true Christian in every sense of the word. His ready smile, genuine interest and compassion for others was a joy to behold. May God comfort you and your family during this most difficult time.”

George Jacob - April 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JE

“Dearest Bev, The beautiful, fruitful branch that was firmly attached to the Vine on earth has now been transported by the Master Gardner to eternity. Our sorrow is deep but the joy of faith we shared with you and Kurt will overcome. Blessings to you and your family in the wonderful memories we have and the absolute security of Jesus Christ. Our love always.”

Jerry and Elsie - April 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LH

“Dear VanGenderen family, I'm SO saddened to read of Kurt's passing. What a shock for all of you. I wish I could join you on Sunday but we will be out of town. Please know you will all be in my prayers. I will pray for comfort, peace and strength during this season of deep grief! Love, Lara Daverman Helmus.”

Lara Daverman Helmus - April 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM