



## Lamont Dirkse

January 5, 1927 - January 30, 2019

On January 30, 2019, Lamont Dirkse passed away at the age of 92. Lamont was born in Hingham, Wisconsin, graduated from Oostburg High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving as a Hospital Corpsman. Lamont graduated from Hope College in 1950, obtained a Master's degree from Northwestern University and a Doctorate from Michigan State University. After serving as a school administrator in Grand Haven, Lamont returned to Hope in 1964 taking a faculty position in the Education Department. Lamont had a passion for students - he enjoyed being a part of their personal journeys whether through teaching, helping find a first job, or cheering them on in extracurricular activities. He built relationships with students that lasted long past their years at Hope. Lamont lived a life of service helping to establish Habitat for Humanity in Holland and serving on the boards of Evergreen Commons and Resthaven. He served in various leadership positions at Christ Memorial Church over his 40 years of membership there. Lamont is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ruth (DeGraaf), son David (Anne, deceased) and daughters Susan Carlson (Bob) and Nancy DeWitt (Scott), 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Lamont's life will be held at 10am, on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at First Reformed Church, 630 State Street, Holland. Visitation will be at First Reformed on Friday, February 8 from 5-7pm. Memorial donations are to Resthaven Care Community - Boersma Cottage. The family is being served by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home. [www.langelandsterenbergh.com](http://www.langelandsterenbergh.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ *Lamont Dirkse*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Ruth, it's Paul Avedisian I am so sorry to hear about Lamont's passing, I was just thinking of you both recently and only today found out this news. Such a wonderful man and so kind and thoughtful. I treasure the fond memories of him and you so very very deeply. Please except my sincerest condolences for you and your family. God Bless. Paul p.avedisian@gmail.com"*

**Paul Avedisian** - February 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Lamont was one of the first people I met when I began working at Christ Memorial Church. He was on the committee that hired me there. We became good friends and I always felt like Lamont was a sincere and loving individual. I got to know he and Ruth better as a choir members. I remember when I moved to Kalamazoo in 1987, that he and Ruth wanted to take the train to Chicago from Kalamazoo and wondered if they could leave their car with me. Of course, that was no problem. When they returned a couple of days later, I had the washed, vacuumed, and looking like a brand new penny. We laughed about that many times after that. May he rest in peace and rise in glory."*

**Thomas Folkert** - February 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*Ruth, Our prayers are with you in Lamont's passing. He was a kind and thoughtful leader in the Education Department and we all benefited from his leadership. God Bless. Mike & Carrie Vander Ploeg*”

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**A friend** - February 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*Many years ago at Hope College Lamont was instrumental in launching my teaching career. I will forever be grateful for his mentoring and friendship. Blessings to his family. Al McGeehan*”

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**A friend** - February 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DK

“*I remember him from college, as a very caring gentleman, always helping students. I have continued contact with Sue in sports, and know that Ruth and family will miss him. May God Bless you all with the great memories. Deb Koning Kiekover*”

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**Deb Kiekover** - February 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EE

“*Dear Ruth and Family, so sorry to hear of your loss. We express our sympathy. Heaven just got another angel. We thank you and Lamont for hosting the couples Bible study in your home on Sunday nights. It was great that you both would share your life with us.*”

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**Ed and Sandy Elzinga** - February 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PS

“*Lamont Dirkse*”

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**Philip SCHOLTEN** - February 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DF

“Sue-  
So very sorry to hear of your loss.  
What an accomplished life of service your dad led.  
I pray your memories bring you comfort.”

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**Diane Faubion** - February 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PH

“Dear Ruth and Family, My love to you in the death of Lamont. He was the Dean of Students when I took my Residence Hall position at Dykstra Hall. He was such a support to me and became a friend as we all lived on campus and ate our meals together as a R.D. Family. Our time at Warm Friend together was short but good. Blessings and Hugs from Northern Minnesota”

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**Pauly Housenga** - February 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LM

“I would not have my wonderful teaching job in Hamilton, that I got when I graduated from Hope, if it were not for Dr. Dirkse. I was also lucky enough to have his granddaughter in my student teaching class. Blessings to the entire family. What a terrific man!”

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**Laurie McGeehan** - January 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM