



Larry J. Dykstra

October 22, 1940 - January 17, 2025

Larry Dykstra, age 84, of Holland, passed away Friday, January 17, 2025 at Resthaven Care Center.

Larry was born in Holland, Michigan, on October 22, 1940, to Milton and Johanna Dykstra. He graduated from Holland High School in 1958 and Hope College in 1962. He later went on to get his master's degree from Western Michigan University. Larry was a math teacher in the Lakewood school system, Hastings High School and Hastings Middle School. In addition, he coached football, baseball and girl's softball. After retirement, Larry worked for Landscape Design in their billing department. Larry met his beautiful wife, Mary, at Jack's Drive-In and they married in 1964. Larry loved all sports. He grew up playing baseball and eventually played for Hope college. His kids always loved to brag that their dad scored a perfect 300 in bowling. Larry loved to golf with his kids and grandkids, and you would regularly find him in the stands cheering them on at their various events. It did not matter how far he had to travel; Grandpa would be there. Larry loved the Lord. He was a faithful member of Lake Odessa CRC (Harvest Church) for 30 years and Central Wesleyan of Holland for 30 years. He often said he felt closest to God while fishing, hunting, camping or hiking in the mountains of Colorado. One of the things he and Mary enjoyed the most was to travel. Israel was one of the greatest memories they shared. Larry was known by many for his quick wit and sense of humor that stuck with him even into his last days. But ultimately,

Larry was known best for the way he loved his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and now great-grandfather. You could not sit in a room with him without hearing a story about one of them, sometimes on repeat. There was never a doubt how much he loved them and how proud he was of them.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Johanna Dykstra; and brothers-in-law, Dwayne "Tiger" Teusink, Melvin Timmer, and Dom Misuraca.

Larry is survived by his:

Wife of 60 years, Mary Dykstra

Children

Debra (TJ) Bratt

David (Kristi) Dykstra

Diane (Troy) Van Dyke

Grandchildren

Tyler (Sarah) Bratt

Kyle Bratt & Haley Szpara

Ellie (Ross) Busscher

Dylan (Annie) Dykstra

Logan Dykstra

Jordan Dykstra

Benjamin (Kari) David

Noah (Maria) Van Dyke

Samuel Van Dyke

Elijah Van Dyke

Great Grandchildren

Frankie Ayala

Blake Dykstra

Bennett Busscher

Harper Bratt

Haven Busscher

Shaluwa David

Bridget David

Judah David

Sisters

Shirley Teusink

Marlene Misuraca

In-Laws

Jan (Steve) Busscher

Carol (Flip) Roelofs

Rick (Geri) Timmer

Ron (Linda) Timmer

Funeral services are planned for 11:00am Saturday, January 25 in the Chapel at Central Wesleyan Church (Entrance G), 446 W 40th St., Holland. Pastor Mike McKay of Central Wesleyan Church and Pastor Ben Ridder of Harvest Church in Lake Odessa will officiate. Visitation is scheduled from 5:00-8:00pm Friday, January 24 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E 16th St., Holland. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Speaks (joinhopespeaks.org) and Kids Hope (kidshopeusa.org).

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Larry Dykstra Funeral Service Video in memory of Larry J. Dykstra*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - January 27, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry J. Dykstra*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - January 23, 2025 at 05:15 PM

MM

So sorry to hear of Larry's passing! What a great guy, husband, father, and grandfather, coach, friend and back door neighbor when they lived in Lake Odessa! Thinking of you Mary during this difficult time! You and your family will be in my prayers 🤍🙏

Manshum Manshum- Manshum - January 24, 2025 at 11:59 AM

CG

May he Rest In Peace and may Gods perpetual light shine upon him 🙏. From Carlos and Phyllis Guerra

Carlos and Phyllis Guerra - January 24, 2025 at 10:01 PM

CG

Thoughts and prayers for family

Carlos and Phyllis Guerra - January 24, 2025 at 10:06 PM

JK

The Hope College Magazine came to my mailbox today. I noticed Larry's name and thought of you. I was sorry to hear of your loss. I watched the funeral and the slide show. If those were my children, grand children, I would be very proud and grateful. The tape seemed to suggest

it was a family girded by humor and solid moral principal. I think you chose well, my wife and I will have our sixteenth anniversary in August if

I manage to make it. The human body is not built for an indeterminate number of years, life has been a little bumpy on the East end of Grand Rapids. Would love to converse some . I think God has had a plan for our lives, and what we have been lucky enough to see, is the last sixty years of it's fulfillment.

James Korf - April 18, 2025 at 08:29 PM

TA

“ *Temple Athletics purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Larry J. Dykstra.*



Temple Athletics - January 23, 2025 at 06:52 PM

AC

“ *I was saddened to read of Larry's passing. I worked with his wife Mary at the doctors' offices in Lake Odessa almost sixty years ago. God bless you Mary and your children and their families.*

Ann (Fisher) Collver - January 23, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry J. Dykstra.

January 23, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry J. Dykstra.



January 23, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry J. Dykstra.

January 23, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Larry J. Dykstra.



January 23, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ Marlene Misuraca and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry J. Dykstra.

Marlene Misuraca and Family - January 22, 2025 at 02:14 PM

MF

“ *Marlene Misuraca and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry J. Dykstra.*



Marlene Misuraca and Family - January 22, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry J. Dykstra.

January 22, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Larry J. Dykstra.*



January 22, 2025 at 11:04 AM

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“ - *Andy & Kelly and Todd & Amy Rusnell purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Larry J. Dykstra.*



- Andy & Kelly and Todd & Amy Rusnell - January 21, 2025 at 10:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry J. Dykstra.



January 21, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ AI
It every Sunday I would stop and say hello to Larry. He was always in the same pew at church and always early! I will miss his quick wit and ready smile! My sympathies to you Mary and your family!

Debbie Murphy - January 21, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry J. Dykstra.

January 21, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry J. Dykstra.



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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry J. Dykstra.



January 21, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry J. Dykstra.



January 21, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry J. Dykstra.

January 21, 2025 at 07:15 AM



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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Langeland-Sterenbergh Yntema Funeral Homes - January 20, 2025 at 05:27 PM

KM

Dear Mary, praying you feel God's arms around you and your family holding you close and giving you strength to carry on in the days ahead.

Karen Michmerhuizen - January 20, 2025 at 05:46 PM

LV

One of my most favorite people. I loved cousin Larry. I always left him with a smile on my face. He will be missed deeply.

Lori VanDoornik - January 20, 2025 at 07:28 PM

JO

Dear Mary, Thinking of you and the family as we mourn the loss of Larry. May he rest in peace.
Judy Overbeek

Judy Overbeek - January 20, 2025 at 07:38 PM

CS

Sorry for your loss Deb and TJ 🙏❤️
Cal and Ardale

cal Schrottenboer - January 21, 2025 at 08:23 AM

KV

So sad for your loss, Mary! Praying for your heart--that God will fill you with his tangible presence and comfort!

Kate VandenHoek - January 21, 2025 at 12:51 PM