



Lauren "Sam" Wassink

July 5, 1941 - August 25, 2022

Lauren (Sam) James Wassink, age 81, walked into the open arms of Jesus Thursday afternoon August 25, 2022. Sam loved the Lord and was honored to serve Him and model that love and service to his family.

Born and raised in Holland Michigan, the son of Henry and Gertrude Wassink, Sam married his high school sweetheart and began a lifelong adventure beyond their dreams. Boots always looked forward to hearing the “glass packs exhaust” of his 2-door ‘55 Chevy a mile away as he came down James Street to pick her up.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Leona; children: Randy (Kris), Barry (Rebecca), Kurt (Kris), Candace (Ryan) Brotherton; 12 Grandchildren, 4 Great Grandchildren; siblings: Harold "Bob"(Evelyn) Wassink, Marcia Martin, Janice DeJonge; sister-in-law, Marilyn Wassink. He was preceded in death by his brother and sister, Gordon “Buzz” Wassink and Frances Eding

As a family, Sam loved camping with his 4 kids and instilling in them a love for the outdoors and conversations around the fire.

Hand in hand with Boots, he loved traveling the country in their motorhome and experiencing the beauty of God’s creation and the various cultures they had the privilege of meeting around the world.

Sam loved serving with his family at both Pine Creek CRC & Calvary CRC volunteering in various roles over the decades. He also enjoyed participating in mission work here and abroad.

In addition to serving the church and the Army National Guard, he spent his career serving the people of Ottawa County as a volunteer fireman and 31 years at Ottawa County Sheriff Department where he started on the road patrol and retired in 1995 as Detective Sergeant. One of his highlights was meeting and providing protection for Presidents Gerald R. Ford & again for George H.W. Bush during their Holland visits.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at Calvary Church, 400 Beeline Rd. Holland. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, August 30, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland. Memorial contributions may be given to Calvary Church and Hospice of Holland. To leave a condolence and more information, please visit www.langelandsterenbergh.com.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 E 16th St
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-2306
info@langelandsterenberg.com
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Funeral Service

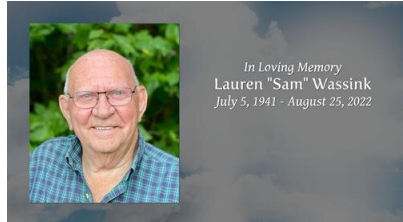
AUG 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Church
400 Beeline Rd.
Holland, MI 49424

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lauren "Sam" Wassink*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - August 28, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *Lauren "Sam" Wassink*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lauren "Sam" Wassink.*



August 30, 2022 at 11:47 AM



“ *Jeff Lukas purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lauren "Sam" Wassink.*



Jeff Lukas - August 30, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Lauren "Sam" Wassink.



August 29, 2022 at 07:43 AM



“ I met !at Gentex. He was so kind and willing to help in anyway he could. He also had a great ear for listening which I appreciated! He was a great guy and one I could emulate! Rest in Peace my good and faithful servant! Regards, Scott Vander Zwaag

Scott Vander Zwaag - August 29, 2022 at 07:37 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lauren "Sam" Wassink.



August 28, 2022 at 06:28 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Lauren "Sam" Wassink.



August 28, 2022 at 03:17 PM

LB

“ I feel lucky to have had Sam as a good neighbor for many years. My heart goes out to Boots and the rest of the family for their huge loss.

Lee Barker

Lenore E Barker - August 28, 2022 at 01:11 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lauren "Sam" Wassink.



August 27, 2022 at 09:59 PM

BB

“ Our sympathies to the family, he was loved by many and always lent a helping hand.

Bob and Lynnae Betfman - August 27, 2022 at 04:57 PM

KH

“ Sorry to hear about ur loss. U are in our prayers.

Kathy Ver Hulst - August 27, 2022 at 11:27 AM

BA

“ Thoughts and prayers going out to Kurt and Kris and the entire Wassink family. Rest in peace, Sam...

Beth Diekevers - Mesa AZ - August 27, 2022 at 11:09 AM

TW

“ *Ran into Lauren often at Gentex. He was always friendly, always had a smile, and a minute to talk. My prayers for his family.*

Tom Wolfert - August 27, 2022 at 08:34 AM

GD

“ *Saddened today reading about Sam's death. Having had the pleasure of working with him at Sheriff's Dept for a decade brings back many memories such as the Gerald Ford visit*

Blessings to Boots and family as you grieve and celebrate his life..... 🙏🙏

Graham Duryee

Graham Duryee - August 27, 2022 at 08:14 AM