



## Laverne D. Kragt

November 27, 1940 - August 7, 2024

Laverne Kragt age 83, of Holland, passed away Wednesday, August 7 at his home surrounded by his family.

Vern Worked for Lake Welding Supply, starting as a delivery driver and retiring as a manager following 50 years of employment. He was also active as a Cadet leader and serving on council for Calvary Christian Reformed Church.

As an avid outdoorsman, he would spend as much time as possible enjoying the outdoors. He found refuge in the splendor of God's beauty of nature and would sometimes find things around his home to tinker with just so he could be outside. Vern loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, especially camping, hunting, and fishing. Some of the family's fondest memories are the times spent at Woodville and Ludington State Park. Along with the family trips to National Parks.

When he couldn't be outside you would find him in his back sunroom enjoying the wildlife that would frolic and play by his pond. He had great enjoyment in the fact that he had so many animals in his own backyard, especially the fox family that took up residence and would continue to have litters each year. He also enjoyed watching the deer, birds, and squirrels that would visit their pond.

His faith was as strong as his love for his family and the outdoors. He was a

man of strength, kindness and morals. He instilled those qualities in everything he did. If you knew Vern, you knew that he had the wonderful gift of gab like no other. Vern the man, husband, father, grandfather, great - grandfather, friend will be missed tremendously by anyone who knew him.

He was the son of Franklin and Aletta Kragt and was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Delwin Kragt and Sandy Van Wieren.

Vern is survived by his wife of 62 years, Carol; children: Curt (Tammy) Kragt, Carrie (Leon) Nienhuis, Craig (Julie) Kragt, Corey (Aimee) Kragt; grandchildren: Mason Kragt, Josie Kragt, Blake (Kassie) Nienhuis, Brooke (Ryan) Ross, Bryce Nienhuis, Mallory (Kevin) Vander Kooi, Jordan Waanders, Michelle Kragt; and 11 great grandchildren; brother, Harvey (Donna) Kragt; sister, Karen (Michael) Meyer; in-laws, Carl Van Wieren, Beth Kragt, Dorothy Bareman; several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Laverne will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 10, 2024, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland with Rev. Doug Baker officiating. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, August 9, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society and Hospice of Holland.

# Cemetery Details

## Restlawn Memorial Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home  
315 East 16th Street  
Holland, MI 49423

## Memorial Service

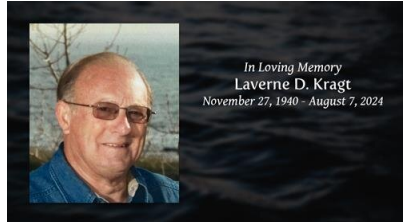
AUG 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Laverne D. Kragt*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - August 09, 2024 at 11:31 AM

SB

“ *Shawn B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laverne D. Kragt.*

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**Shawn B.** - August 09, 2024 at 02:57 PM

TP

“ *Tom P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laverne D. Kragt.*

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**Tom P.** - August 09, 2024 at 02:15 PM

TF

“ *Tornes Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Laverne D. Kragt.*



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**Tornes Family** - August 09, 2024 at 08:56 AM

TF

“ Tornes Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laverne D. Kragt.

Tornes Family - August 09, 2024 at 08:56 AM

KD

“ Kyle D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laverne D. Kragt.

Kyle D. - August 09, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Laverne D. Kragt.



August 08, 2024 at 10:42 AM

MS

“ Milbocker & Sons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laverne D. Kragt.

Milbocker & Sons - August 08, 2024 at 10:42 AM

RV

“ He was a great man and will be missed by many. I have lots of fun memories from all the years of camping in Ludington with the family. Prayers for the family. Take comfort in knowing that his pain is gone.

Rhonda Voss - August 08, 2024 at 10:27 AM