



## Laverne Lampen

March 8, 1929 - January 10, 2019

Laverne Lampen, age 89 of Holland passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2019. Laverne is survived by his wife Esther, of 62 years; his children and grandchildren: Lowell and Trudy Lampen (Duffy, Meggi and George) of Wisconsin, Andrea Ivarsson (Gunnar and Oskar) of California, honorary daughter Leslie Lampen of Holland; brother: Neil and Marilyn Lampen; brothers-in-law: William (Mary) Plumert Jr., and Raymond (Linda) Plumert. Laverne served in the United States Army in active duty during the Korean War. After his time in the service, he graduated from Hope College with a B.A. and Michigan State University with an M.A. and an Ed.S. During his career, he taught in Godwin Heights High School, served as elementary Principal in Perry, MI and later served as Principal of Zeeland High School. He continued his career as Superintendent of Portland Public Schools and Negaunee Public Schools in Michigan. Following his retirement from Michigan Public Schools, he was Headmaster at Spanish River Christian School in Boca Raton, FL. Laverne was a member of Harlem Reformed Church, in Holland, MI. He also was a member of the Zeeland American Legion and the Lions Club. The funeral service with military honors will be 11 a.m. Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Second Reformed Church, 225 East Central Avenue, Zeeland. A time of visitation will be held after the service in the church fellowship area. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation donations can be made online at [www2.jdrf.org/goto/LaverneLampen](http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/LaverneLampen) . [www.ynteamfh.com](http://www.ynteamfh.com)



# Tribute Wall



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



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Laverne Lampen*

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Esther- I'm sad to hear of Vern's passing- we just found out today. Please accept our sincere sympathy and know that you will be in our prayers."*

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**Karen** - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"My sincere condolences to all of you. I have many fond memories of Mr Lampen during my visit. He will be missed. God bless you all. With love and peace, Dr Ballan Tuck Alameda, California"*

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**Ballan Tuck** - January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KS

“Dear Lapens, I am sorry to hear of Laverne's passing, As a friend of the family, I will miss the kind and loving person, I had the privilege of knowing for brief, but some very important times. My sympathy reaches out to Esther and family, especially Andrea, Gunnar, and Oskar, who I know best. Love, Kate Sutherland”

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**Kate Sutherland** - January 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PM

“What a wonderful man ! I wish had known him ! But, I am fortunate enough to know his daughter Andy . It sounds to me like she is a living example of him . Good job Vern ! Patty Sue Mozart (California )”

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**Patricia Mozart** - January 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DV

“This kind gentleman taught me a great deal. My Mother's youngest brother expressed a variety of lessons regarding War, Education including Business Administration, Construction, and was the perfect example of what an Uncle should be. I loved him always, smiles.”

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**Dirk de Vries** - January 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Offering our sincere condolences. May the God of love comfort your heart and make you firm in your time of grief. 2 Thessalonians 2:16,17.”

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**A friend** - January 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BN

“Dear Lampens, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are so sorry for the loss of such a kind man. We were able to witness what a wonderful father-in-law Verne was to Trudy and what a proud, loving grandfather he was to Duffy, Meggi, and George. The Siefert family was blessed to know Verne and honored to have him as a member of our family. We will miss him dearly.”

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**Barb Nelson** - January 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“This evening, the Portland Foundation for Public Education took action to place a memorial item to honor the service of Mr. Lampen and commemorate his contribution to the community during the renovation of areas of Portland High School. Mr. Lampen served as Superintendent of Schools during the 1980s and instrumental in improvement of teaching and learning for the students and staff of the public schools. He was a gentleman and scholar. Community leaders such as Gregg Foote and Keith Neller along with fellow administrators John Clarey and Mannes Overweg are members of the Foundation. A number of former students also commented on the contribution of the Lampen family to the culture that was elevated by their presence during these years.”

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**A friend** - January 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“I have so many beautiful memories of my Uncle Verne growing up. My dad, mom, my sisters and I spent almost our whole summers in Michigan with my aunts, uncles and cousins. We all loved Uncle Verne so much. He was funny, kind and generous. He made everybody feel like family! He will always be a huge part of my life. Our sympathy goes out to our much loved aunt, Esther Much love, Kathy (Steenland) Keavney”

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**A friend** - January 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MM

“Aunt Esther, Lowell, Andrea, and family- I will miss Uncle Vern so much. So many wonderful memories. Prayers for you all. Love, Merry”

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**Merry Muilenberg** - January 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DG

“So sorry for your loss Esther.”

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**Debbie Gutknecht** - January 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BD

“We share with the family the grief in the loss of Vern, a long-time friend and co-worker for YWAM. He will be greatly missed. Our deep sympathy.”

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**Bob and Bertha Drew** - January 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“Uncle Vern will be sadly missed by his niece and her husband. Our sympathy goes out to Aunt Esther and family. Jane and Rick Johnson.”

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**Jane Johnson** - January 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM