



LaVerne Padding

September 27, 1936 - November 2, 2025

LaVerne Padding, 89, of Zeeland, passed away on Sunday, November 2, 2025.

Vern was born September 27, 1936, to John and Ruth (Fox) Padding, in Zeeland, Michigan. He graduated from Zeeland High School in 1955. Vern started working at Big Dutchman until he entered the U.S. Army and served his country in Germany from 1955-1957. When he returned Vern started working at the U.S. Postal Service and also drove bus for Zeeland Schools. After retiring, Vern worked part time for Holland Special Delivery. Vern was preceded by his wife Virginia (Wedeven) Padding in 1963, and his wife of 46 years Elaine (Barense) Padding in 2011.

Vern is survived by his children: Jeff and Sheri Padding, Vicki and Bob Elzinga, Michelle Perdok, Julie and Randy Tallman; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, in-laws: Nancy Barense, Mary Elling, and many extended family members. He was also preceded in death by his siblings: Floyd Padding, Orrin Padding, Lola Padding; in-laws: Dorothy Padding, Elaine Padding, Roger Barense, Cheryl and Harold Kaptein, Karen and Phil Hoezee, and Rich Elling.

A family graveside service with military honors will be held in Zeeland Cemetery. A visitation will be held 5:00-7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 4, 2025,

at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464.
Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland.

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Cemetery Details

Zeeland Cemetery (Original Cemetery)

220 East Lincoln Avenue
Zeeland, MI 49464

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of LaVerne Padding*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - November 04, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ *While growing up in Zeeland, I got to know Vern because he was my best friend, Vicki's dad. In addition to that, he was also our mailman and one of my favorite memories of him was during the period of time that my boyfriend (now husband) was going to college in Ohio, and we were writing letters to each other. Every time I got a letter, Vern would put it on the very top of the stack of mail that he put through our mail slot. I loved that he took the time to do that! He was great guy.*

Lisa Westenbroek - November 04, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of LaVerne Padding.*



November 04, 2025 at 10:40 AM

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“ The Foundry Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LaVerne Padding.

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of LaVerne Padding.



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