



Lewis "Lew" Dekker

March 29, 1950 - September 3, 2019

Lewis J. "Lew" Dekker, age 69, of Zeeland, passed away at his home on Tuesday, September 03, 2019 and, in so doing, won his brave and persistent battle with cancer. Lew was a retired Director of Operations of Conway-Freight in New Jersey and a past President of the New Jersey Motor Truck Association. His career in trucking spanned 41 years. He was a member of North Street Christian Reformed Church and an advocate at Lakeshore Pregnancy Center. He also enjoyed serving as an elder for his church families. Lew was a strong advocate for families and the preservation of families, was a dedicated husband and father, and loved being a grandpa. In his later years, Lew found a new passion for motorcycling and the allure of the open road. Lew was preceded in death by his father, Arnold Dekker; brother, Arnold Wayne Dekker; sister-in-law, Halina Paduch Dekker; and brother-in-law, Keith Eenigenburg. Lew is survived by his: Wife of 42 years, Lori Children Jason (Wendy) Dekker of New Freedom, PA
Jamie (Curt) Lucas of Zeeland
Jeff (Ashley) Dekker of Zeeland Grandchildren
Avalon, Jonas, Alden, Reese, Leighton, Silas, Caleb, Levi, Ellison, Knox, Elana, Patrick Mother
Irene Dekker of Munster, IN Parents-in-Law
Francis (Lois) Eenigenburg of Cedar Lake, IN Brothers
Dale Dekker of Lansing, IL
David (Brenda) Dekker of Dyer, IN In-laws

Brenda (Bruce) Cornell of Grand Rapids

Sandi Eenigenburg of Cedar Lake, IN

Kevin (Kathy) Eenigenburg of Crown Point, IN

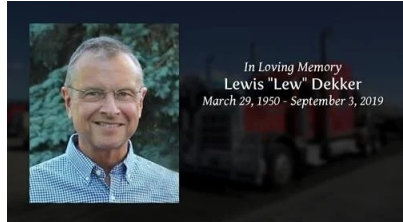
Tim (Lori) Eenigenburg of Lowell, IN Many nieces and nephews Their North Street Church Family Funeral services will be 10:00am Saturday, September 7 at North Street Christian Reformed Church, 20 E Main Ave., Zeeland with Rev. Shaun Furniss officiating. Burial will be in North Holland Cemetery.

Visitation is scheduled for 2:00-4:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm Friday, September 6, also at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Lakeshore Pregnancy Center and the Family Research Council. Arrangements are by Yntema Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at www.yntemafh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lewis "Lew" Dekker*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - September 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lewis "Lew" Dekker*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Lori and family, my deepest condolences. We were neighbors back in Crete. I used to babysit Jason and Jamie. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God bless you and ease your pain."*

Laura Szkutak - November 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"My condolences Lori. I just found out. My prayers are with the family. I was his administrative assistant at Conway Freight. He was a great boss and a good person."*

Maria Gautier - October 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AB

“So very sorry to hear of Lew's passing, I First met him when I was hired at CCX in Lakewood NJ, we driver's did not always see eye to eye with Lew but he was always polite and when I retired in 2011 he came to my leaving party in his own time to present me with a retirement gift from Con-Way. A true GENTLEMAN who will be missed by ALL who know him. ALLAN, WALES UK”

ALLAN BROWN - September 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JG

“Lori, Jason and family,
My sincere condolences to all. Know that your husband, father was a terrific man. He inspired many people and was a true leader. Having worked with Lew 20 years was a memorable experience building a business together in New Jersey which I will never forget. We faced many a challenge together and shared the joys of our success!
His family was his greatest motivation...
He believed.
Heaven just got one hell of an angel when Lew arrived. I'm not sure if they can work as many hours as Lew always did, but they got a good one.
Rest in peace my friend.”

John Gaudio - September 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JB

“Sympathies to your family. It was a privilege to know Lew”

Julie Bekius - September 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RI

“Our hearts are saddened for all the loved ones that Lew has left behind! Lori and family, we are sending love and hugs during this valley! We rejoice that Lew's final resting place is with our Heavenly Father!! We will miss him til that reunion! Love, hugs, and prayers!!”

Rick - September 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JD

“Dekker Family - Although the last time I think I saw, Lew, I must have been around 10 or 11 years old. It was recently that I learned Lew was ill with cancer. Please accept my condolences and prayers for your loss and may you experience God's grace and loving embrace as you adjust to life without Lew.”

Jon Dekker - September 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BC

“Lori and Jason and family, please accept our deepest sympathies on the loss of Lew. Our prayers are with you during this time. Our prayers are with you and your family. I had the privilege to work with Lew at Con-Way and he was a great co-worker.”

Bill and Sandy Chin - September 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BM

“Lori, Jason, and family, Our sincere condolences after hearing of Lew's passing. Please be encouraged by the knowledge that he is in the presence of his Lord and Savior, experiencing eternal peace and happiness. I enjoyed working with Lew at Con-way, and always appreciated his candor, commitment, and integrity. Those qualities of his will shine an ongoing light on us all for years to come. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.”

Bruce and Janet Moss - September 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PB

“Lori and family, we are soo sorry for your loss. Lew was a great person husband and father. He will be sorely missed. Our prayers are with you during this very difficult time.”

Paul Berg - September 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JW

“Lori and family - we mourn with you during this time of loss. We will always remember meeting you both, going through the Truth Project with you and then how you both became our NJ parents and encouraged us there. We will never forget the Sunday Lew showed up at church wearing the exact same outfit Joel was wearing! It still brings us to giggles today. But now, our hearts ache and the tears flow as we can't see him on this earth any longer. We are praying for you and your family as you start a new chapter in your lives. You will remain in our prayers as we continue to think of you regularly. May God grant you much peace and comfort. We rejoice that Lew is now with his Savior! With much love- Joel & Heidi Weaver”

Joel and Heidi Weaver - September 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BD

“Lori, Jason and family, I am so sorry to hear this news as this feels like family.. Lew set the standards for many to follow..Back in the day he was hard on the sales team at Con-way but looking back on it, he made all of us so much better.. My prayers are with the family and only god knows what is best.. God will comfort the family in this time of need...The angels are rejoicing to have a beautiful soul in heaven.. I am sending peace, love, and restoration to the family during this time. Brigetta Dunson”

Brigetta Dunson - September 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KR

“My sympathies to the Dekker family. I worked with Lew in Aurora (XAU). He was a good man to work for and had a great understanding of the people he worked with. He was a by-the-book kinda guy but knew how to tweak it when it was needed. Vaya con Dios.”

Kevin Dog Riley - September 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DE

“Our hearts and prayers are with you all. We wish we could be with you.”

Donald Eenigenburg - September 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TF

“We were do sorry to hear if Lew's passing. We have fond memories of Lew and the family in Aurora. Our thought and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sincerely Terry and Mary Ann”

Terry Frantzen - September 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RS

“Lew was an amazing man. I had the privilege to work for him in New Jersey. He truly cared for people and you could always see his dedication to his family and his responsibilities in the workplace. The world lost a great soul.”

Richard Stanton - September 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BV

“Lew was a wonderful man to be able to sit down and talk with and listen to He had a deep passion for God and his family and all families. He was great storyteller and had rich way of making you feel welcome. He was intelligent and interesting and informative and such a lover of his family! Lost a great man.”

Ben Velthouse Velthouse - September 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JA

“I'm sorry for you lose, Lew was a great man and mentor I was a original driver in xau class of 85”

James - September 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JC

“Jason and family, I'm very sorry to learn about your loss. I worked with Lew for many years at Conway and enjoyed working with him on a number of projects including his stint out East. Our prayers are with and for you.”

John Carpenter - September 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LF

“So very sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers. So very difficult for you all.”

Laurie and Jerry Fox - September 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RB

“My deepest condolences to the family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Lew was an inspiration to me personally and professionally as I carry some of his traits with me today.”

Raymond Biss - September 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DA

“There are no words that can lessen the pain of losing a loved one. When faced with this type challenge in our own lives we take comfort in the belief that those loved ones, family members and friends who depart this life before us will be on hand to greet each of us at the end of our life's journey, where we will all be reunited through eternity. Lew was an honorable man, who I was proud to know and honored to work with. Lew will be missed by all who knew him. Lori, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.”

Dave - September 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JO

“Our love and prayers are sent your way. May God comfort you as only He can.”

John - September 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DO

“You have my deepest sympathy to the family. May you find comfort in your time of mourning.”

Doris - September 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DD

“So sorry for your loss Lori and family.”

Debbie Dekker - September 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AC

“I'm so sorry to hear this sad news. He was a first class man. My condolences to all the family”

Anthony Cucchiara - September 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SV

“I will miss Lew I wish I would have known him better . But I know he is with God in Paradise ! Thank you Lew for being a great role model for what a Christian man should be! You will be missed”

Steve Vincent - September 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AA

“My condolences to the Dekker Family. Worked many years with Lew and will always remember him as a person who worked hard and fair.”

Andy Andela - September 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DN

“Dear Lori and family so sad to hear of Lew's passing. Sending our deepest sympathies. May your precious memories help you thru this difficult time. Praying that God grants you strength and peace. Love from Florida Dennis and Marlene Nicksic”

Dennis and Marlene Nicksic - September 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“Lori and family, please accept our deepest sympathies on the loss of Lew. Our prayers are with you during this time. We rejoice knowing that Lew is with our savior as one of his Elect people. We pray that the blessed assurance of our savior continues to rest upon you and your family.”

Chad Zimmerman - September 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM