



## Lois Rinsema Smits

September 4, 1952 - August 12, 2018

Lois Rinsema Smits age 65, of Holland, died Sunday, August 12, 2018 at her home. She was a member of Park Christian Reformed Church and worked as a Media Specialist for Holland Christian Schools. Lois is survived by her husband of 45 years, David; daughters, Valerie and Seth Davies of Grand Rapids, Jane and Mark Adama of Tucson, Lori and Steven Evenhouse of Frankfort, IL; 8 grandchildren, Koen, Tysen and Brielle Davies, Evan, Annika and Kaitlyn Adama, Henry and Evelyn Evenhouse; brothers, Judd and Linda Rinsema of Phoenix, Clyde and Beth Rinsema of Muskegon; sister in law, Janet and Fredric Burghgraef of Grand Rapids, brothers in law, Glenn and Sharlotte Smits of Crete, IL and Wes and Donna Smits of Denver. Lois' career was highlighted by her work developing the media centers at many of the Holland Christian Schools and instilling a love for reading in the students. Since retiring, she had been overseeing the children's book section at Ditto. She loved to golf, hike and travel. Her 8 grandchildren were the joy of her life. Funeral services will be 11:00am Saturday, August 18, 2018 at Park Church, 1496 W. 32nd St. Holland with Rev. Daniel Steen officiating. Burial will be in Graafschap Cemetery. Visitation will be 3-7pm Friday, August 17, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland. Memorial contributions may be given to Holland Christian Schools Media Centers, Park Church Mission Fund or Hospice of Holland. [www.langelandsterenbergh.com](http://www.langelandsterenbergh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lois Rinsema Smits*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - August 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lois Rinsema Smits*

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"As the newly appointed Executive Secretary of MAME, I wanted to share with you our deepest condolences for the passing of Lois. Last week several of the retired school librarians across the state gathered and share stories of our connections to Lois. She has such a passion for school libraries and was always seen at our annual conference attending sessions or helping with various activities. We are truly saddened by her passing and want the family and friends to know she will be missed. May you rest in peace Lois and may your spirit continue to shine on all of us."*

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**Teri Belcher** - September 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BA

“*Dave and family, we have many warm memories of Lois and you, Dave, when our daughter, Lisa, had you in high school for a coach. Lois was involved with the team too. Whenever I saw her she had a smile and kind words. May God grant you and the girls and family comfort and peace in the days and weeks ahead. Know that Lois and your family are loved and we wish you joy again in the days ahead.*”

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**Bill and Judy Van Appledorn** - August 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SD

“*Dear Dave and family,  
May the peace that passes understanding be with you during this time and in the weeks and months to come.  
Susan Van Dyk and family Castle Rock CO*”

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**Susan Van Dyk** - August 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“*Sending my deepest sympathy to you Valerie and your entire family! I didn't know her personally, but I know you and how kind and genuine you are and just imagine you are like your Mom. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers as you prepare and then continue with a new chapter in your lives. May God wrap His arms around you all and give you the peace that only He can give.*”

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**Jan Hearn** - August 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JL

“*Dave and family, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.' Num. 6*”

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**Jo Ann Leatherby** - August 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *"I'm sorry to hear of Lois' passing. She was such a go-getter in the school library profession and will be missed."*

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**Cynthia Kleinheksel** - August 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *"Louis holds a special place in my heart for all her patience and kindness she showed me and my teammates during the 1981 and 1982 basketball seasons for our off-the-court antics."*

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**Lisa Van Appledorn** - August 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *"I'm so sorry for the loss of Lois. I'm praying for God's peace and comfort for all of you. In Lois' words, "God is GOOD!""*

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**Lia Buursma** - August 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *"I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for all of you!"*

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**Maria Vander Kodde** - August 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *"Dear Dave and Family,  
My deepest sympathy to you in the passing of Lois. May God give you his boundless grace to cope with this loss. You and Lois were two of my favorite students at Illiana Christian High School in Lansing, Il.  
Our love to you! Marion and Jan Van Soelen, Hull, IA"*

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**Marion Van Soelen** - August 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM