



Marie Blauwkamp

August 11, 1925 - January 29, 2024

Marie Blauwkamp, 98, of Zeeland, passed away on Monday, January 29, 2024.

Marie was born August 11, 1925, in Zeeland, to Jacob and Ada (Zwagerman) Geerlings. Marie went to Townline School and Holland Christian High School. She married Adrian Blauwkamp (while home on leave) in 1944. Newly married in 1945, Marie lived in New York while Adrian was serving in the U.S. Navy during WWII. They raised their children in Vriesland and were longtime members of Bethel CRC. While raising four children, she graduated from Hope College in 1962 with a music major. Marie taught music for 26 years at Byron Center Christian and Jenison Public Schools. She also received her master's degree in elementary education from the University of Michigan.

Marie loved a good organ concert and played frequently at Tulip Time recitals. She organized singalongs at the Historic New Groningen Schoolhouse. Marie taught private piano lessons, and also served as a church organist at Bethel CRC and Community Reformed Church in Zeeland, and the Newberry Methodist Church. Marie and Adrian always enjoyed their summers at the cabin in the U.P.

Marie was preceded her in death by her husband Adrian, and her daughter Arla Decker. Marie was a member of Overisel Reformed Church, the Zeeland

Historical Society, and the American Guild of Organists.

She is survived by her children: Roger and Jackie Blauwkamp, Karen and Mark Bos, Vern and Lisa Blauwkamp; son-in-law Jim Decker, several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, February 3, 2024, at Overisel Reformed Church, 4706 142nd Ave., Holland MI 49423. Visitation will be 10:00-10:45 am prior to the funeral service. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope College Organ Scholarship Fund in memory of Marie Blauwkamp.

Arrangements are by the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. www.yntemafh.com

Cemetery Details

Zeeland Cemetery (Original Cemetery)

220 East Lincoln Avenue
Zeeland, MI 49464

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Overisel Reformed Church
4706 142nd Ave.,
Holland , MI 49423
<http://www.orcministries.org/>

Funeral Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Marie Blauwkamp*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 02, 2024 at 02:37 PM

JB

“ *We loved Marie. She was such a joy. We enjoyed her playing the piano at the VFW. She will be missed by so many people who knew her. Rest high on the mountain my friend. ❤️ Vern & Joyce Barkel.*

joyce Barkel - February 03, 2024 at 10:48 AM

DS

“ *Mrs. Blaukamp was my music teacher at Maplewood so many years ago! She was one of my favorites and a lovely women. I followed in her footsteps to Hope College and University of Michigan! Please know she made a great impact on me and please accept my condolences for your loss!*

Dara Spearman, MD

Dara Spearman - February 01, 2024 at 11:59 AM



Thank you. Great to hear she impacted your life and future.

Laverne Blauwkamp - February 05, 2024 at 02:40 PM

SH

“ Shane and Mary Houghton purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Marie Blauwkamp.



Shane and Mary Houghton - January 31, 2024 at 01:12 PM

SH

“ Shane and Mary Houghton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marie Blauwkamp.

Shane and Mary Houghton - January 31, 2024 at 01:12 PM

JF

“ 2 files added to the album *Family*



Julie Folkert - January 30, 2024 at 12:12 PM

LI

“ Marie has been a wonderful friend for many years. We loved spending time with both she and Adrian, and in later years with Verne and Elisa as well. Grilling, games, puzzles, walks, music and going places together were memories we will never forget.

Linda and Bill Ison - January 30, 2024 at 09:36 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Family



Lisa Bos - January 30, 2024 at 07:07 AM



Love you Grandma

Lisa Bos - January 30, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ The last few years Marie and I had a number of good conversations around her kitchen table. She also played a song or two on her grand piano and a puzzle was laying out for another piece or two.
Judy Stoel

Judy Stoel - January 29, 2024 at 10:19 PM



“ Prayers and sympathy in the loss of your mother. Sweet lady.

ken vanderwall - January 29, 2024 at 07:47 PM



Prayers to all the family she will be missed,all her friends from the VFW will missed her playing her piano.
RIP Marie.

Maria Cantu - January 29, 2024 at 09:46 PM

LB

Currently I am in Florida and will not be able to attend Aunt Marie's visitation or funeral. Please know your family is in my prayers. Linda K. Blauwkamp

Linda K. Blauwkamp - January 30, 2024 at 09:39 PM

MB

*to the world you were someone, but to someone you were the world.
Rest in peace.*

*sincerely
Monika Blauwkamp
Germany*

Monika Blauwkamp - February 02, 2024 at 06:26 PM

BV

We appreciated Marie's music in Covenant Church and in the School House where Norm enjoyed singing with her music. Blessings to the Family. Norm & Bonnie Vredeveld

Bonnie Vredeveld - February 03, 2024 at 11:49 AM

TF

Marie was an excellent organist. She played musically and accurately. She was always kind and nice. I saw her just a few weeks ago when I was visiting someone at Royal Park. I don't think she knew who I was anymore. I am sorry to hear of her passing, May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Thomas Folkert - February 03, 2024 at 12:56 PM

SE

*Gedanken, Bilder, Augenblicke geben uns die Gewissheit, dass die ERINNERUNG nie aufhört.
Edeltraud Sange
Nürnberg*

Sange Edeltraud - March 29, 2024 at 10:26 AM