



Marilyn "Kay" Kraai

April 17, 1936 - June 2, 2025

Marilyn "Kay" Kraai, 89, of Zeeland, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 2, 2025.

Kay was born April 17, 1936, in North Blendon, on the Edward and Ada (Roon) Hassevoort family farm, one of the eighteen Hassevoort children. Kay went to school in North Blendon through 8th grade and eventually earned her GED from Zeeland High School. She married Terry Kraai on January 29, 1953. Kay and Terry raised their seven children at their home just north of Zeeland and were members of Third Christian Reformed Church. Kay worked for Zeeland Public Schools for 28 years in food service before her retirement. She was preceded in death by her seventeen siblings, and by her son Gene Kraai in 1986.

She is survived by her husband of 72 years, Terry, their children: Keith (Mary) Kraai, David Kraai, Steve (Tami) Kraai, Dan (Deb) Kraai, Diane (Patrick) Nelis, Chuck (Lori) Kraai; and daughter-in-law Jodi Van Order, nineteen grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, in-laws: Ken Knapp, Bev Hassevoort, Betty Hassevoort, Allen Kraai, and many extended family members.

A funeral to honor the faith and life of Kay Kraai will be held at 10:00 am, Friday, June 6, 2025, at Third Christian Reformed Church, 10 West Central Ave., Zeeland MI 49464. Kay's pastor, Rev. Mark Timmer will be officiating.

Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 pm, Thursday, at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gene Kraai Memorial Scholarship C/O Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland, or Hospice of Holland.

Cemetery Details

Zeeland Cemetery (Original Cemetery)

220 East Lincoln Avenue
Zeeland, MI 49464

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 4:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Funeral

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (ET)

Third Christian Reformed Church
10 West Central Ave.
Zeeland, MI 49464

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Dear Terry My heartfelt sympathy to you in the death of your wife. May God bless you with strength, peace and comfort in this most difficult time. Sincerely, Marlene Whitney

Marlene Whitney - June 07, 2025 at 02:46 PM

PR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Have some great memories of working with Kay during my high school days on the lunch line. Our parents, Ken and Jane Ramaker also enjoyed working with her at ZPS. Pam, Mike and Jody Ramaker

Pam Ramaker - June 05, 2025 at 10:14 PM

PV

“ Uncle Terry and family, I am so sorry to hear of Auur prayers will be with you tomorrow and in the ur thoughts and prayers will be with yount Kay's passing. She was a special lady. I am so sorry that Dick & I can't come to the funeral but I have some health issues that make it impossible. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dick & Pat

Pat Voetberg - June 05, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Kay" Kraai.



June 05, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Kay" Kraai.*



June 05, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Kay" Kraai.*



June 04, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ *Jan Altermatt and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marilyn "Kay" Kraai.*



Jan Altermatt and Family - June 04, 2025 at 10:48 AM