



## Mark A. Rett

November 27, 1954 - August 13, 2024

Mark A Rett, age 69, passed away on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

Mark was born in Miami, FL but raised in Jackson, MI. He came to Holland to attend Hope College where he met his wife, Robin. Mark enjoyed a successful career in accounting and finance. He and his family attended Immanuel Church, and his faith was the cornerstone of his being. It was important for Mark to give back via public service: he was a valued member of the Rotary Club, volunteered at Gateway Mission, Community Action House, and spent years as the church treasurer.

Diagnosed with Parkinson's later in life, Mark's commitment to support programs at Evergreen Commons showcased his resilient spirit, and he had a compelling connection with others who shared his diagnosis.

Mark's life was filled with an unwavering love for baseball. He played ball his whole life, from his school's baseball team to the church softball team to the Douglas Dutchers. He spent decades umpiring for the City of Holland, and his whole life rooting for the Detroit Tigers. And while heaven may have gained a shortstop, he will be deeply missed by those who remain.

Mark is survived by his wife, Robin Rett; children: Douglas (Melisa Rett) Rett, Jessica (Sam Cumming) Rett, Adam (Lindsey Proctor) Rett; grandsons: Theo

and Lorenzo Cumming; siblings: Lisa (John) Butterfield and Eric (Ruth) Rett; as well as Aunt Mary Maddalena, Uncle Roger and extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Life for Mark A Rett will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Immanuel Church, 325 104th Ave Holland, MI 49423. Memorial contributions may be given to the Centre de Sante Lumiere Hospital in Haiti. [www.servingincayes.com/donate](http://www.servingincayes.com/donate)  
Arrangements are by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home. To leave condolences online, please visit [www.langelandsterenbergh.com](http://www.langelandsterenbergh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## West Drenthe Cemetery

862 78th Avenue  
Zeeland, MI 49464

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Church  
325 104th Ave.  
Holland, MI 49423

# Tribute Wall



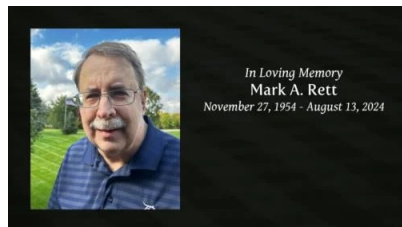
“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Mark Rett memorial service in memory of Mark A. Rett*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - September 28, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark A. Rett*



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“ *I first met Mark & Robin when they first joined Trinity Church. I babysat for their kids a few years too. Mark was a quiet but very warm and caring person who everyone who met him was c amazed by. He will be missed and is gone way too soon. Robin and family keep your memories close and treasure those priceless times together. I know Mark is looking down on you now too.*

Sally Anderson - September 24, 2024 at 08:42 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark A. Rett.*



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September 22, 2024 at 08:53 PM



“ *I have known Mark since I became a member of the Holland A.M. Rotary back in the early 2000s. I got involved in Rotary Youth Exchange program which was near and dear to his heart as he served as the longtime Chair of the Holland Rotary Clubs' Youth Exchange committee. He also notably served as the Rotary International District 6290 Treasurer.*

*After our A.M. Club club shrunk in numbers and morphed into the Rotary After Hours Club over seven years ago, Mark — after a few year hiatus — returned to the ranks and we were all so happy to see him back. His quiet, steady demeanor, thoughtful contributions to the ideals and work of Rotary, (along with his absolute devotion to the Maize & Blue in the Big House) will be sorely missed.*

*Our prayers and peace go out to Robin and the rest of the Rhett family in heartfelt memory of a man, and friend, who truly exemplified the call of "Service above Self!" — David Beattie*

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David Beattie - September 11, 2024 at 05:57 PM

JB

“ I've known Mark since elementary school at Queen's in Jackson and reconnected with him several years ago via Facebook. I admired Mark's love of baseball, and was always impressed with his knowledge of the game.

*Thanks for the stories and laughs, Mark. Rest well, my friend.*

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**Jim Bullinger** - August 19, 2024 at 08:07 PM

HF

“ Helen F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark A. Rett.

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**Helen F.** - August 16, 2024 at 02:17 PM

BH

“ I only knew Mark for a short time at Evergreen Commons. He will be missed. Barbara Hoyt

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**barbara hoyt** - August 16, 2024 at 01:33 PM

GH

“It’s the twinkle in Mark’s eye and his quiet sense of humor I will miss the most. If you weren’t paying attention, you might miss all the fun! When Robin and I would head off to do some shopping, he’d say with a straight face and a twinkle in his eye that “the state troopers have been notified that you are on the road!” I loved how he called Robin Sam; “Okay Sam” he’d say in reply to some statement by her.

Last year he wrote down many of his memories for his family. Here are two excerpts from that document that I think he would want to share with you all. This what he wrote in answer to the question “What are you proudest of in your life?” His reply was “I am proudest of my family. Each one of them is very gifted by God with great skills. They have also grown to be very good people. I am especially proud of my wife as she has been a fantastic mother and wife throughout many years. My family is a true legacy that I will leave behind.” In response to the question “What things can you not live without?” he replied: “The most important thing I cannot live without is the Lord, Jesus Christ. He is my source of strength and enables me to move on. I also cannot live without the Bible. The second thing that I cannot live without is my family. My family is important to me because they provide inspiration to do things that I wouldn’t do otherwise. They give me great pleasure in watching them grow and develop.” The strength of Mark’s faith was inspirational. Mark’s love for his family was the center of his life.

*Gail Hollinger*

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**Gail L Hollinger** - August 16, 2024 at 01:26 PM

JT

*Mark was an amazing person and a great friend and encourager to Dave. They had many fun and challenging golf games together where they both complained about how bad they did, despite both of them being great golfers. I'll never forget out golfing when Dave said for me to pray for a hole in one for him. I did that and Mark was up next and he got the hole in one!! Dave said why did you pray for Mark to get a hole in one and I said I just prayed for a hole in one, Guess I wasn't specific enough on who I was praying for but I'm glad Mark got one! Mark was an amazing supporter to Robin who he loved so much, to his kids and grandkids and to his friends. Heaven gained a great saint and I'm sure Dave was there to greet him and they are joking around right now!! Love you Mark!*

*Judy Timmer*

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**Judy Timmer** - August 17, 2024 at 05:21 PM

JS

“ *Very sad to hear of Mark's passing.  
He was a member of our Rotary since back when we were a breakfast club.  
He was always great about attending our work sessions as well as meetings.  
We enjoyed watching him as a Douglas Dutcher!*

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**John Shea** - August 16, 2024 at 12:17 PM

TF

“ *The Perrotta, Goerges and Todd Family  
purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the  
family of Mark A. Rett.*



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**The Perrotta, Goerges and Todd Family** - August 16, 2024 at 11:17 AM

TF

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**The Perrotta, Goerges and Todd Family** - August 16, 2024 at 11:17 AM

HD

“ *Knowing Mark can be only be compared to knowing a true , kind , and giving individual, as well as a Gentle Gentleman. I will miss our conversations that we had on many occasions, over the years, that I knew him. When asked to do anything at all, whether it was for me, or for The Douglas Dutchers Base. Ball Club , the reply of "No" was never heard . Mark will be so missed by many who he effected, and there will be a empty space , that no one else will be able to fill. Rest in Peace, my Dear Friend, and know that I will never forget knowing you.. and the effect you had on me, and many others.*

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**Helen F DeGeatano** - August 16, 2024 at 09:14 AM