



Mary Ann Bakker

June 27, 1933 - October 12, 2022

Mary Ann Bakker, age 89, of Holland, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

Mary Ann was born on a sunny day on June 27, 1933, in Grand Rapids, MI. She was part of a large family, one of 9 siblings born to Gerrit and Nellie VanderLugt.

She graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School with an emphasis on Commercial Arts. This would prove to uniquely prepare her for helping Bob to set up the family business in 1967. Mary Ann married Bob Bakker in 1954 and they cheered one another on for 68 years.

Mary Ann enjoyed her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She pointed them to Jesus at every opportunity. In home life, at play, and in discipline she was consistent and encouraging. The Lord's Joy radiated through her to the very end.

Music was one of Mary Ann's great joys in life. She enjoyed singing in church choirs, community choirs and most recently in the Evergreen Chorale. Mary Ann's gift of hospitality was experienced by many through a meal, a bed, a swim at any time as well as other practical expressions of Jesus' love.

In retirement, Mary Ann enjoyed travel and time with her family, and especially the combination of the two traveling to Africa to visit her son Keith and Deb and their family.

She will be deeply missed by those who survive, including her husband Bob Bakker; children: Keith and Debbie Bakker, Bob and Lynda Bakker, Jim and Patti Wallinga; grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Dirk and Linda Bakker (Abigail, Amanda, Ava), Kent and Victoria Bakker (Austin), Julia and Zach Veenstra (Aria, Elijah, Emelia), Bob and Kristin Bakker (Bailey, Everett, Andrew), Tony and Bethany Bakker (Eddie, MaryAnn), Becky & Joe Schra (Ellery, Jackson, Josie), Mike Eling (Willem, Garrett), Kristine and Camren DeWaard (Amelia, Theo, Beatrix, Willa), Jim and Elizabeth Wallinga; also surviving are brothers: Nelson and Ken VanderLugt as well as many nieces and nephews.

Mary Ann has joined the singing of the celestial choir and is reunited with those who preceded her in death: granddaughter Kimberly Wallinga Eling, sisters: Trudy Van Prooyen, Clara Dykstra, Linda Brooks; brothers: Len, Andrew, Bill and Jerry VanderLugt.

Friends may meet the family from 4-7pm on Monday, October 17, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland, MI 49423. Additionally, there will be visiting on Tuesday October 18, from 10:00 to 10:45am prior to the memorial service at 11:00am at Harderwyk Ministries, 1627 W. Lakewood Blvd. Holland, MI 49424. In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Holland or Harderwyk CRC Missions.
www.langelandsterenbergh.com.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery

Lakewood Boulevard west of 168th Ave.
Holland, MI 49424

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 E 16th St
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-2306
info@langelandsterenberg.com
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Harderwyk Ministries
1627 West Lakewood Blvd.
Holland, MI 49424

Memorial Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ann Bakker*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - October 18, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Mary Ann Bakker Memorial Service Livestream in memory of Mary Ann Bakker*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - October 14, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *In memory of a wonderful friend Mary Ann. She was the strongest, most loving person I've ever known. Thank you for all the beautiful time/memories you shared with me and my family, taught me how to swim, and most importantly show me kindness. Until we meet again, forever in our hearts. Amanda (Phuong) Chow*

Amanda Chow - October 17, 2022 at 10:40 AM

EV

“ *Eliot, Ellen and Ethan VanderLugt purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Bakker.*



Eliot, Ellen and Ethan VanderLugt - October 17, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bakker.*



October 15, 2022 at 04:35 PM

BS

“ *Bill & Lisa Soodsma purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Bakker.*



Bill & Lisa Soodsma - October 15, 2022 at 12:59 PM

DC

“ *Our love and sympathy to the entire Bakker family. Grandma Bakker was the sweetest lady. I will always remember her sitting on bleachers cheering at softball games. Please cherish the memories.*

Dawn & Randy Cook - October 15, 2022 at 11:06 AM

RB

Thank you. She certainly did watch a lot of ball games over the years...great memories indeed.

Robert E Bakker - October 17, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bakker.*



October 14, 2022 at 05:49 PM

RM

“ *Bob and family
So sorry to hear about MaryAnn
We have very fond memories of her and your family
Heaven has gained a new angel

Sending love and hugs your way

Dan and Randi Melnyk and family*

Randi Melnyk - October 14, 2022 at 02:13 PM

TF

“ *Mary Ann was a warm, caring gentle giant. I will never forget the 1st thanksgiving dinner she hosted for our family when we arrived in the US. Her turkeys and fixings were delicious that I can't duplicated. She had set a standard that we tried to follow every year on Thanksgiving. Our family are very grateful for her generosity, warm, and friendly nature. Thank you for being present in our life. We will missed her greatly.*

The Nguyen's family - October 14, 2022 at 01:48 AM

PW

Such a beautiful and fond memory! Thank you so much for sharing this with us as we remember your first Thanksgiving and your beautiful family so warmly! Thank you for your prayers for our dear Mary Ann these last months! XO The Bakker/Wallinga Family

Patti Wallinga - October 14, 2022 at 08:16 PM

AC

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Amanda Chow - October 17, 2022 at 10:39 AM

PA

Mom just loved your family so much, Phuong! Those pool days are really a fun memory! I remember you guys learning to swim. You were all so darling splashing and kicking...XOXO Patti

Patti - October 17, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bakker.



October 13, 2022 at 10:56 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bakker.



October 13, 2022 at 10:22 PM

PK

“ *Phuong & Steven Chow and kids purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Ann Bakker.*



Phuong & Steven Chow and kids - October 13, 2022 at 10:16 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bakker.*



October 13, 2022 at 09:38 PM