



## Mary Ann Bouwman

August 10, 1939 - October 8, 2023

Mary Ann Bouwman age 84, of Holland, died Sunday, October 8, 2023, at an area care center.

She was a member of East Saugatuck Point and formerly of Bethany CRC.

Mary Ann received her Master's in Education for the Hearing Impaired and taught in Elim Christian School and in the Zeeland Public School system. She was a member of the Holland Chorale for many years.

She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Caje Holst and a brother, David Crookshank.

Mary is survived by her husband of 59 years, Earl; children, Amie Holst, Heather Bouwman, Liesl (Drew) Neven, Jessica (Jim) Soerens; 18 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, siblings, Phillip Crookshank, John (Linda) Crookshank; in-laws, Arlene Wassink, Elizabeth Eichler, Mary (Matt) Meyer, Jean (Rich) Schreur, Jane Bouwman; several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, October 20, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Holland and Elim Christian School.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bouwman.*



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October 19, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ann Bouwman.

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bouwman.*



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October 18, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ann Bouwman.

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“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Bouwman.* ”



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October 15, 2023 at 07:45 PM

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“ Dear Earl and Girls: We were sorry to read about Mary Ann today, but were gladdened to know that she is now in her full of array of glory, enjoying Heaven at its fullest! I have such wonderful memories of Mary Ann--her warm smile, her sweet voice, both speaking and singing, her love for her girls, and her "mothering" of them. I remember when our first child, Beth, was born. Mary Ann came to my front door with a meal to a "new mom." Receiving food was totally new to me and Mary Ann explained, "This is what we do!" I remember her gift of hospitality one holiday when she had us over and made us all the most delicious warm sub sandwiches, all wrapped in foil. I still make her delicious short ribs, and I remember her telling me that her girls did not like to see all the ingredients that were added to make them so special. I loved to see and hear her sing with Earl, and I loved the musical training and encouragement she gave to all of you! She was the one who introduced me to the many fine songs of Natalie Sleeth. One time at church, when Mary Ann's Mom was visiting, Mary Ann confided to me that she believed she would live a long life, since her mother did! Well, she did live a long life, but I don't think she ever anticipated living it in the state of mind she found herself in at the end of her life. Even though we have not seen you all for a very long time, you all are very special to us, and I pray God will send you many special memories and you will love Jesus as your Mother did. May you all sing from the bottom of your hearts, as you all continue to bring God glory, and tell his story to your children and grandchildren. Mary Ann was extremely proud of all of you, and she was a very blessed and talented woman. And so, life goes on, in ways we do not expect it to unfold. We are sorry we will not be able to attend visitation, since we will be visiting Beth and family in Tulsa, OK. May you receive much comfort as you celebrate Mary Ann's life together. Much Love, Nancy (and Jim) Mulder

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Nancy Mulder - October 15, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Mary Ann Bouwman*.



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October 10, 2023 at 05:42 PM