



Mary Hager

July 2, 1931 - May 15, 2022

Mary Virginia Hager, age 90, went to be with her Lord on May 15, 2022. Miss Hager was born on July 2, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois, and was the daughter of Dr. Harry J. Hager and Jeanette Vanderwerp. She grew up in Chicago where her father was the pastor of Bethany Reformed Church in Roseland. Mary graduated from Chicago Christian High School (1948) and later earned her B.A. in Phys. Ed. From Wheaton College (1952). She received advanced degrees in education and counseling from W.M.U. and M.S.U. Mary Hager was a teacher and guidance counselor at Zeeland Jr. High and Sr. High School for 29 years, retiring in 1986. Earlier in her career, she taught for two years at a country school in Frenchville, KY. She was a recipient of the Herman Miller Travel Scholarship and traveled to Asia and the Middle East, stopping to visit her sister Winifred and family in West Pakistan where they were serving as missionaries. In retirement, Mary lived at Freedom Village in Holland, where she was known for her interest in others and her love of Snoopy, Charlie Brown, and the whole Peanuts Gang. She was a faithful volunteer at the Holland Rescue Mission, WGMB (Moody) radio station, and at Calvary on 8th where she also served as chair of the World Mission committee. She was co-organizer of the Hager Family Reunion. Throughout her life, Mary Hager sought to uplift and encourage those around her and to serve Jesus Christ and build His Kingdom. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Winifred, and her brothers Norman and Harry. She is survived by her sister-in-law Carol Hager and her nieces Cheryl Hager and

Carolyn Hager (Henry Fiorentini) of Chicago; her niece Mary Persoon (Jim) of Spring Lake, MI; niece Marcy White (Warren) of Stevensville, MI; niece Rachel Smith (Michael) of Upland, MI; and their children Emily, Steven, Elizabeth, Joshua, Anna Kate, and Jared. Visitation will be 5-7 pm Thursday, May 19, 2022, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland. The funeral service will be 11 am Friday, May 20, 2022, at Calvary on 8th, 955 East 8th Street, Holland. Interment will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Gateway Mission (formerly Holland Rescue Mission). www.langelandsterenbergh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **19**. 5:00 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/>

Funeral Service

MAY **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Calvary on 8th
995 East 8th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Hager*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Hager.*



May 19, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *Ginny Hager Gearhart purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Mary Hager.*



Ginny Hager Gearhart - May 19, 2022 at 08:47 AM



“ *Wilson and Houston Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Hager.*



Wilson and Houston Family - May 18, 2022 at 04:36 AM

MF

“ *Mary, Marcy, Rachel & families purchased the Loving Grace for the family of Mary Hager.*



Mary, Marcy, Rachel & families - May 17, 2022 at 10:20 AM

CH

“ *Cheryl H. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Hager.*



Cheryl H. - May 17, 2022 at 09:18 AM

MM

“ *She was my English teacher at Zeeland High School. I remember an English assignment that involved "describing a step by step how to iron a shirt". Memorable.*

Mary Merrill - May 16, 2022 at 04:55 PM