

## Paul William Brink

November 28, 1942 - September 17, 2019

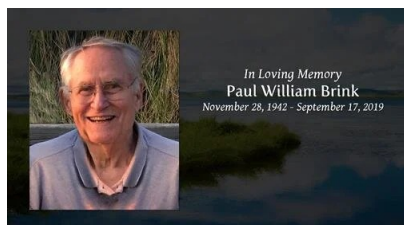
After a short period of failing health, Paul William Brink passed away peacefully on September 17, 2019 in Emeryville, CA with his wife of 54 years at his side. Paul, the eldest of five children, was born to Rev. Bill and Alta Mae Brink on November 28, 1942 in Goshen, Indiana. In junior high school, Paul met the love of his life, Karen Faye Koops. After completing Holland Christian High School and Calvin College, Paul and Karen married on June 19, 1965. Paul was a graduate of Calvin Seminary and Princeton Seminary. Together Paul and Karen served schools, communities and churches over the next 40 years in Princeton and Heightstown NJ, Grand Rapids, MI, Terre Haute, IN, Rochester, NY, Ann Arbor and Holland MI. Paul and Karen considered Holland their hometown and returned to live there in 2003 serving Harderwyk Church until retirement in 2008. Paul and Karen explored many parts of the world and were blessed to visit California on their honeymoon and a summer internship in Fresno in 1965, followed by other California adventures as well as trips to the Holy Land, Ireland, Senegal, Serbia, Hungary, Western Canada, the Maritimes, Hawaii, and Turkey. Paul is survived by his wife and their four children: Paul Andrew Brink, Sara (and Bryan Ricks), Rachel (and Scott Palmbush) and Rebecca (and Seyram Dei). Their grandchildren are Gabrielle, Monique and Simone Ricks of Oakland, CA; Kyra, Luke, Cole and Shane Palmbush of Mountain View, CA and Miriam Brink Dei of Accra, Ghana. Paul is also survived by his four siblings: Esther (Dan) Bos, John (Merri) Brink, Dan (Cheri) Brink and Steve (Rhonda) Brink. Karen's siblings include Joyce Sluiter,

Ed (Sharon) Koops and sister-in-law Marilyn Koops. Preceding Paul in death are his parents, Bill and Alta Mae Brink of Grand Rapids, MI and Karen's parents, Edward and Lymira Koops of Holland, MI and his brothers-in-law Hugh Koops and Stanley Sluiter. There will be a time of visitation with Paul's family from 4:00-6:00 pm on Friday, November 8, 2019 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland, MI 49423. A memorial service to celebrate Paul's life will be at 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at Bethany Christian Reformed Church, 11 East 32nd Street, Holland, MI 49423. Rev. Mary DeWitt will officiate. Memorial contributions are to the Alzheimer's Association.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul William Brink*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - September 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paul William Brink*

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Paul hired me for my first ministry position after seminary, at Grace CRC in Grand Rapids. I enjoyed working with him, and fell in love with Grace Church."*

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**Jack Reiffer** - October 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"So sorry to see this, Karen. He was one of a kind."*

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**Ronald Dirkse** - September 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"So sorry to hear this news. Paul and I and a couple of other students at Creston Christian School were good freinds."*

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**A friend** - September 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“My heartfelt sympathies to the Brink Family. I had the pleasure of serving Paul and Karen through Comfort Keepers and so enjoyed time with Paul when grocery shopping for he and Karen. He was a kind, loving, interesting individual. Many are blessed to have known him.”

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**Laura O** - September 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM