



## Philip Ward Staal

October 1, 1935 - May 20, 2026

Philip W. Staal, age 90, of Holland, stepped into eternity with the Lord on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Resthaven Care Center.

Phil embraced life with deep character and purpose. Born and raised in Zeeland, he began working at Miles Laboratories while earning a degree from Hope College. In a display of loyalty rarely seen, he stayed with Miles (now Bayer) his entire career as a research chemist. Yet, Phil maintained an unswerving commitment to his family, as seen by his showing up at any event his kids or grandkids participated in - regardless of the day, time, or travel distance. The researcher in him fueled a fascination with British sports cars, learning videography, and fixing nearly anything for anyone. His passion for playing tennis kept him active late into his life; his dry wit remained until his final days.

However, Phil's greatest love always remained focused on Carole, his wife of 69 years. "Never go to sleep without a goodnight kiss," was the advice he offered to all couples getting married.

Phil is survived by Carole, sons Steve Staal of Holland and David (Becky) Staal of Spring Lake. His grandchildren include William Staal, Scott (Maddie) Staal, Erin (Justin) Dahm, and Amanda Staal.

Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery; a private family graveside service is

being planned. Memorial contributions may be made to Resthaven Care Center in Holland.

Arrangements are by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at [www.langelandsterenbergh.com](http://www.langelandsterenbergh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Pilgrim Home Cemetery**

370 E. 16th St.  
Holland, MI 49423

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip Ward Staal.* ”



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