



Phyllis Heerspink

April 15, 1931 - August 20, 2025

Phyllis Heerspink age 94, of Holland, died Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at her home following a lingering illness.

She was born in Iowa City, Iowa to Dr. Edwin and Marie VanderBerg. The family moved to Holland when her father relocated his practice here. She graduated from Holland Christian High School in 1949 and attended Calvin College. She married her Kindergarten sweetheart in 1950 and raised 4 children. When the kids were in school, Phyllis got her cosmetology license. She practiced her craft at Julie's, Panopolus, Rest Haven Senior Center, and Meadowbrook Nursing Home. She also worked at DuMez and Main Sport.

The family enjoyed many summers at their cottage on Hess Lake. She spent her retirement years learning water color painting and blessing her family, friends, and places of care with her work.

Phyllis was a longtime member of Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church where she was involved in bible studies and ladies aid group.

She is survived by her loving husband of 75 years, Floyd "Flip" Heerspink; children, Rodney Heerspink, Debora Kraai, Sharon (Bill) DeRuiter, Judy (Rich) Klaasen; 6 grandchildren, Lisa McKay, Bryan (Tricia) Kraai, Jennifer (Kevin) Branson, Scott (Ashley) Klaasen, Dustin DeRuiter, Samantha (Jeff) Ekdorn;

several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Margo VanderBerg.

To view a livestream of the service, please visit https://youtube.com/live/gZ_80y5noBs?feature=share

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 25, 2025 at Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church, 259 Central Ave. Holland with Revs. Chad Steenwyk and Kevin Kornelis officiating. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday at the church from 10:00 - 10:45 am. Memorial contributions may be given to Central Avenue Missions and Hospice of Holland.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church
259 Central Ave.
Holland, MI 49423

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

RV

“ Flip and Phil were our neighbors for several years. They were wonderful neighbors, and caring people. I remember them fondly.
Ruth Vander Ark

Ruth VanderArk - August 24, 2025 at 05:28 PM

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“ I attended cosmetology school with Phyllis and visited at their cottage with our daughter occasionally, our girls enjoyed seeing each other. She always had a kind spirit, beautiful smile and was loved and admired by all. Sympathy to her family at her home going.

Marcia Bloemers - August 22, 2025 at 07:03 AM



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

August 21, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Phyllis Heerspink.



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“ *To the family of Mrs Heerspink. I know your parents from working at Younkers Department Store. I always loved waiting on them and talking with them. The nicest customers. Your mother was a very dear person. My sympathy to you and her husband!!*

Marcia J TenBroeke - August 21, 2025 at 11:54 AM