



Richard De Jonge

May 27, 1947 - January 3, 2024

Richard Lee De Jonge, age 76, passed away on January 3, 2024 at Trillium Woods Hospice.

Rich was a decorated Vietnam veteran having served in the US Army, 7th Cavalry. He retired as a tool and die maker from Trans-Matic in 2006 and was a member of Noordeloos Christian Reformed Church where he served as an elder and deacon; he also participated in several SERVE projects. Richard was a loving husband, father and grandfather who adored his grandchildren and family.

Rich was preceded in death by his brothers, Ernie De Jonge, Robert De Jonge, Jan De Jonge; sister Patricia De Jonge; sisters-in-law, Janice De Jonge, Bonnie Bosch, Marilyn Staat; and brother-in-law, Gary Bryan.

Rich is survived by his:

Wife of 55 years, Elly De Jonge

Children

Brenda (Dale) Lynema of Hopkins

Michelle De Jonge of Holland

Greg (Lindsey) De Jonge of Zeeland

Grandchildren
Patrick Lynema
Logan Lynema
Emma Lynema
Fynlee De Jonge

Siblings
Dave (Marilyn) De Jonge
Rose Bryan
Don (Deb) De Jonge

In-laws
Edna De Jonge
Gloria De Jonge
Jay Bosch
Jim Staat

Visitation is scheduled for Friday, January 5, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and also on Saturday, January 6 from 1:00 PM -1:45 PM both at Noordeloos Christian Reformed Church, 4055 112th St. Holland. Funeral services with military honors will follow visitation on Saturday at 2:00 PM with Rev. Mark Vande Zande and Rev. Brady Mulder officiating. Burial will be in Noordeloos Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Noordeloos CRC SERVE projects and Faith Hospice. Arrangements are by Yntema Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at www.yntemafh.com.

Cemetery Details

Noordeloos Cemetery

112th Avenue Between Quincy Street and
Starflower Drive
East Side of 112th Ave., (Small sign marking
the driveway back to the cemetery)
Holland, MI 49424

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Noordeloos Christian Reformed Church
4055 112th Ave
Holland, MI 49423

Visitation

JAN 6. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

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Community Farewell/Funeral Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Military Honors

JAN 6. 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LK

“ Dear Elly and Family, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Rich. He was a wonderful guy. I met Rich when he did home remodeling on my condo; and also because he was the maintenance person at Lakewood Condo's. He was a friend to everyone he met; and was always smiling, helpful and kind. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Sincerely, Lauri Kolean

Lauri Kolean - January 10, 2024 at 05:50 PM

DB

“ Dear Elly and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with You and your Family. Rich was a Special Man, always had a smile and a funny story. He brightened the day for all of us were fortunate to know him. He will be Missed. Sending My Love, Donna Bastien

DonnaJ Bastien - January 08, 2024 at 12:44 PM

DJ

“ Dave Jacobs

De Jonge family I'm sorry for your loss, Rich was a Great Man I worked on many projects at the Condo Community I lived at with him from painting projects to tree trimming and the great stories he always had and the smile on his face.

Dave Jacobs - January 06, 2024 at 08:45 AM

KM

“ Elle, Brenda ,Dale and family, I am so sorry to hear the news of Rich's passing. I so glad I was able to see him on Labor day . We will all miss him and his stories. Please give yourselves a hug from me and again sorry for your loss. Karen

Karen Miesch - January 05, 2024 at 03:53 PM

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“ DeJonge family, I am so very sorry for your loss! I met Rich when Brenda and I became friends while going to nursing school at Calvin. He and Elly also made me feel so welcomed and as part of the family when I went to their home or the cottage. He always had the biggest smile on his face and made me laugh. He was a great man and will be greatly missed by so many. Deepest sympathy and prayers for you all!

Lisa Holst (Owens) - January 04, 2024 at 10:26 PM

MR

“ Marjorie Reiman lit a candle in memory of Richard De Jonge



Marjorie Reiman - January 04, 2024 at 06:30 PM

MR

“ Dear Elly-Your husband was such a joy to us as your condo neighbors. The many times he pulled up to our patio slider, giving me quite an unexpected scare, just to share his latest harvest with us. Every Spring it was such a blessing to hear and see him on top of that tractor ready for another season of planting his vegetables. He was such a blessing and shining example of God's love in each and every way. They sure don't make them like that any more and he will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences and the peace that surpasses all understanding to you during this difficult time.



Marjorie and Mark Reiman

Marjorie Reiman - January 04, 2024 at 06:29 PM

MS

“ Michigan State Police. SOD planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard De Jonge.

Michigan State Police. SOD - January 04, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard De Jonge.



January 04, 2024 at 04:03 PM

LA

“ From the fall of 1959 through the spring of 1961, Rich and I attended 7th and 8th grade at what was then Waverly School at 120th Ave. and James St. Whenever the weather allowed, the boys would play 12 inch softball during recesses, etc. A few times each year we would play against teams from other schools like Beechwood or Waukeezoo. Jim Staat and I would trade off pitching and Rich was our catcher. I vividly remember one time when he got a little angry at me. When he was setting down to receive a pitch, he picked up some dirt and threw it to the side. This was the signal for a pitch-out. Unfortunately I was so inaccurate that the ball went right over the plate, making his throw to second quite difficult. In the fall of 1961 our class of about 25 became part of a much larger group of 9th graders at the first West Ottawa Jr-Sr High School just opening on the corner of 136th Ave. and Riley St. Rich, Jim and I continued to hang out together until graduation.

Larry Alofs

Larry J Alofs - January 04, 2024 at 11:23 AM

EH

“ So sorry to hear this. Condolences to De Jonge family and especially to Don and Deb in the loss of their brother.

Ed & Elaine Helder

Ed Helder - January 03, 2024 at 04:48 PM