



Richard "Dick" Dale Housenga

January 28, 1941 - February 13, 2024

Richard (Dick) D. Housenga, age 83 passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Dick was born in Fulton, Illinois on January 28, 1941. He graduated from Holland High School and married Sharon (Tyink) Housenga. He went on to the Michigan State Police Academy. He served in Jackson, Romeo, Battle Creek, Houghton Lake, and then reached his career goal of becoming the Lieutenant at the Grand Haven post. After 29 years he retired and went on to become an investigator with the Ottawa County Friend of the Court where he could quietly integrate his faith with those he worked with.

Dick enjoyed motorcycle trips, camping and time with his family. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and especially for telling everyone "You're awesome!"

He is survived by his wife, Sherrie Housenga; son, Todd and Peg Housenga; son, Troy and Shelly Housenga; daughter, Tracy and Jeff Jansma; grandchildren, Brooke and Taylor Walburg, Whitney and Aaron Buck, Logan and Jaiden Housenga, Alec (Megan) Housenga, Dillon Housenga, Maddy Housenga, Tyler (Mike) Jansma, Lauren Jansma, Trevor (Sydney) Jansma, Drew Jansma; great-grandchildren, Elwood, Judah, Jackson; sister, Toots and Warren Drooger, and sisters-in-law, Pauly Housenga, Marcia Oakes, Lyn and

Don Becksford, and Carol and Dave Rabbers.

Visitation with the family is 4:00-6:00 pm on Friday, February 23, 2024, at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland, MI 49423.

Memorial services are at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 24, 2024, also at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home with Pastor Justin Smith officiating.

Burial to take place in Restlawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Richard's honor may be given to Emmanuel Hospice at emmanuelhospice.org or Alzheimer's Association of Michigan at www.alz.org/gmc.

A special thank you to the staff at Quincy Place and Emmanuel Hospice.

www.langelandsterenberg.com.

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Gardens

994 Paw Paw Dr
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 396-4949

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 23. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home
315 East 16th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Memorial Service

FEB 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home
315 E 16th St
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-2306
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Tribute Wall



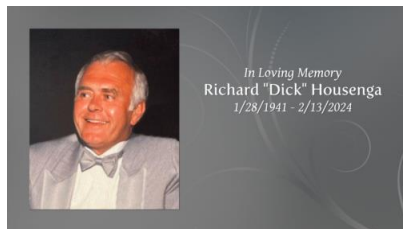
“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Watch Memorial Service in memory of Richard "Dick" Dale Housenga*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 24, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Dick" Dale Housenga*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 23, 2024 at 01:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Dale Housenga.*



February 23, 2024 at 08:55 AM

NL

“ Nate & Lynda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Dale Housenga.

Nate & Lynda - February 23, 2024 at 08:55 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Dale Housenga.



February 22, 2024 at 09:57 AM

WC

“ We will miss you - Friend of the Court purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Dick" Dale Housenga.



We will miss you - Friend of the Court - February 21, 2024 at 02:39 PM

WC

“ We will miss you - Friend of the Court planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Dale Housenga.

We will miss you - Friend of the Court - February 21, 2024 at 02:39 PM

MM

“ My sincere condolences to Sherrie and the family. Dick was a neighbor and was one of a special kind. He was generous with his time with yard work and gardening and putting up Christmas lights for years - helping our neighborhood look great. He was always friendly and such a gentleman.

I remember him and Sherrie biking around the neighborhood and hearing about some of the camping trips they went on. A nice man who will surely be missed.

Marnie Mathews



Marlene Mathews - February 20, 2024 at 01:32 PM

LO

“ So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. I have fond memories of his great sense of humor, his smile and his laugh. He was a pleasure to work with at FOC and to worship with at EFC. He was a true gem and he will be missed! From, Lori Lewis Richardson

LORI - February 16, 2024 at 04:47 PM

KD

“ Was sorry to hear of Dicks passing away , my sympathy to his family members and his friends,
*I was one of the neighborhood kids when the Housenga family lived on College Ave. We were good friends, and when Dick started with the State Police he contacted me and said that I should give it a try, which I did,
Dick stayed with them and worked his way up to the top at the Grand HavenPost. He did well. He will be missed, I'm sure.*

Kenneth Doorn - February 15, 2024 at 01:36 PM

SM

“ House was one of my first sergeants in the State Police. As the first female trooper at the Battle Creek Post, he was so professional, kind, humorous and supportive in a sometimes difficult period of my service. He was who I tried to be like when I became a desk sergeant many years later. You always said, House that troops underrated the position of desk sergeant even tho that sergeant was key to development of those under their charge. You were so right! I think you are probably up their whipping the angels into shape with the same patience you always showed me. God bless YOU, Sherrie, and all your family. Sandy Miller, Retired PC.

Sandy Miller - February 15, 2024 at 12:07 PM