



## Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig

April 23, 1947 - November 30, 2025

Richard "Rich" Herbig, age 78, unexpectedly passed away on Sunday, November 30, 2025.

Watch the memorial service: [https://www.youtube.com/live/bGXdmk\\_cgts](https://www.youtube.com/live/bGXdmk_cgts)

Rich was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather and will be remembered as such by his family. As a leader in his church and community, he will be remembered as a faithful servant, respected teacher and coach, who maintained relationships with former students, athletics, and colleagues.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Leslie Herbig; son, Ryan and Monica Herbig; daughter, Jill and Greg Rubin; grandchildren, Ella Herbig, Eva Herbig, Noah Rubin, Isaiah Rubin, Levi Rubin; sister, Karen Roberts; sister, Nancy Greenwold; sister-in-law, Ruth Fazzari; and extended family.

Visitation with the family is 4:00-7:00 pm on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland, MI 49423.

A memorial service will be at 2:00 pm on Friday, December 5, 2025, at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Rd. Holland, MI 49423 in the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in Rich's honor to

Encompass Kids at [www.encompasskids.org/donate](http://www.encompasskids.org/donate) or by mail to  
encompassKids 430 E 8th Street #257,  
Holland, MI 49423.

[www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ Memorial Church  
595 Graafschap Road  
Holland, MI 49423

# Tribute Wall



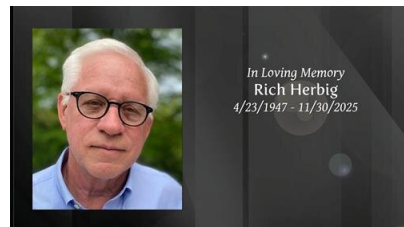
“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Watch Memorial Service in memory of Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - December 04, 2025 at 10:02 AM



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



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - December 04, 2025 at 10:00 AM

KF

*Rich and I were partners in apartments in Grand Haven. Probably not the best business guys but Rich always was ready to have a good breakfast before our day's work. On occasion when he wanted to lose weight he reminded me that it was a good idea to start a diet on a full stomach.*

*We traveled together, played cards together and laughed a lot.*

*Priceless bonding experience.*

*Leslie, Ryan, Jill....know we care.*

*Ken Formsma*

Ken Formsma - December 04, 2025 at 06:42 PM

KV

“ *Blessed are those who die in the Lord for they rest in peace and will rise in glory.*

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**keith vanzoeren** - December 12, 2025 at 08:55 AM

BK

“ *Mr. Herbig cast a large shadow. He was tough, smart and kind. I can still remember where I sat in his class and that was 35 years ago! He commanded respect and had a smile that would greet you each day making you feel welcome and seen. Upon graduation I just remember feeling like I wanted to grow into someone of whom Mr. Herbig would be proud. He's taught 1000s of kids in his life, but I always felt like if I saw him about, he'd still know who I was and maybe even remember my name. Thanks Mr. Herbig, well done!*

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**Brent Kleinheksel** - December 10, 2025 at 10:49 AM

VS

“ *Mr Herbig was an incredible teacher who completely changed my outlook on education.  
I'll forever be grateful for the impact he made in me and many others.  
He will be terribly missed by many.*

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**Valerie Kay (former student)** - December 05, 2025 at 10:48 PM

KP

“ *Rich demonstrated the quality of stewardship in his words and actions that were a great example I could only strive for.*  
*Ken Postma*

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**ken postma** - December 05, 2025 at 03:51 PM

HE

“ I'm fairly certain Rich and my dad are in heaven still debating bunting and hitting techniques :) He was good man and will surely be missed. He touched a lot of lives and made a difference. Much sympathy to you all.

Heidi - December 05, 2025 at 12:14 PM

RL

“ I consider Mr. Herbig as having been one of my favorite teachers at Hamilton High School. I remember him as having written U.S. Government notes using all capital letters! More importantly, I remember him as having made this non-athlete feel as valued as the best player on the team. My sympathy to his family and may God bless you with comfort and with peace.  
Ron Lugten, Wellsburg Reformed Church, Wellsburg, Iowa  
Hamilton High School Class of 1979

Ron Lugten - December 04, 2025 at 08:10 PM

MM

“ Marc Zaransky Mike matuschks purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig.



Marc Zaransky Mike matuschks - December 04, 2025 at 11:39 AM

MM

“ Marc Zaransky Mike matuschks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig.

Marc Zaransky Mike matuschks - December 04, 2025 at 11:39 AM

CF

“ Rich was a man of huge integrity, decency and kindness. During my 1995/6 Fulbright year teaching at Hamilton HS and ,subsequently, his involvement with the student exchange programme between HHS, MI and Farlingaye High, Woodbridge, Suffolk, UK, organised by me, Bill Moreau and others, he was keen to widen perspectives on both sides of the Atlantic. To me, he was a rock, a man of intellect, clear vision and a debunker of falsity and humbug wherever he found it, especially trumped up political nonsense. His firm grasp of historical precedent made him a wonderful, unbigotted correspondent, enduring friend and, I believe , a first rate teacher. A devoted family man, his death is a terrible loss to all who have been privileged to know him . Heart-felt condolences.

Charles Fear  
MA (Cambridge), BEd, 3 times Fulbright Alumnus

Suffolk,  
England

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**Charles Fear** - December 04, 2025 at 06:41 AM

J3

“ Jake Norris from 3Sixty purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig.



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**Jake Norris from 3Sixty** - December 04, 2025 at 05:56 AM

DJ

“ I have wonderful memories of Rich. He was a sincere and loving Christian. I am saddened by his passing, but I also rejoice because I KNOW he is with our LORD in heaven! Prayers, Duane Joostberns

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**Duane Joostberns** - December 04, 2025 at 12:31 AM

MP

“ *Michael, Anna and Adrianna Panico purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig.*



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**Michael, Anna and Adrianna Panico** - December 03, 2025 at 08:36 PM

LF

“ *Lopez Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig.*



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**Lopez Family** - December 03, 2025 at 08:35 PM

CD

“ *Dear Leslie, We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family. The Lord has Rich in His arms, and we'll always have Rich in our hearts.*

*Mary and Charlie DeVries*

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**Charles DeVries** - December 03, 2025 at 05:03 PM

MZ

“ *Dear Leslie, I am so saddened to see that Rich has passed. He was such a wonderful light to so many. He will certainly be missed by all those who his life touched. You and your family have my deepest sympathy.*

*Margo*

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**Margo Hakken Zeedyk** - December 03, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig.



December 03, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig.



December 03, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ with deepest sympathy, The Lo family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig.

with deepest sympathy, The Lo family - December 03, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ Marianna, Umar, Murtazo purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig.



Marianna, Umar, Murtazo - December 03, 2025 at 02:27 PM

DL

“ I always appreciated the respect and friendliness Rich treated me with professionally and personally. God's peace to Les and family  
Duane Langeland

Duane Langeland - December 03, 2025 at 12:08 PM

RJ

“ I am so glad I had a chance to meet Rich and get to know him a little bit through interactions in the community because Rich truly exemplified the truth that every encounter with another is an opportunity see God and to share grace. Rich was so genuine and a real human being. Lots of love to all who loved Rich, he will be so missed.

Reka Jellema - December 03, 2025 at 09:50 AM

BF

“ Bowes Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig.



Bowes Family - December 02, 2025 at 10:44 PM

KO

“ Mike and I are so sad at this news. We've always admired Rich and remember warmly our times together as collectors. We had some good times. Leslie, we hope you and the family experience the peace that passes understanding.

Koleans - December 02, 2025 at 08:28 PM

TF

“ Rich (and Les) can be summed up in one word; supportive. They were the heartbeat of Christ Memorial Church. As long-time members there, they saw many things and lived through many changes. Their kindness to me will never be forgotten. I am sorry to hear about Rich's sudden transition into eternity. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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**Thomas M. Folkert** - December 02, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig.



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December 02, 2025 at 03:47 PM

LB

“ Lee, Sally, Nell, and Abra Berens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rich" Dale Herbig.

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**Lee, Sally, Nell, and Abra Berens** - December 02, 2025 at 03:47 PM