



## Richard "Rich" Van Dam

February 25, 1939 - August 14, 2019

Richard "Rich" Van Dam, age 80, of Holland, passed away Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at Holland Hospital. Rich owned Cardinal Machine Services and worked in the die cast industry his entire life. He enjoyed mowing with Simplicity tractors and working with animals, birds and aquariums. His favorite pastime was "cruising" Craig's List and finding deals for family and friends. He was a member of Community Reformed Church. Rich was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey, in 2001 as well as brothers, Harv and Fred Van Dam. Rich is survived by his: Wife of 58 years, Marla Van Dam Daughter

Jillane (Brent) Deters of Zeeland Grandchildren

Eric Van Dam

Katie Van Dam

Nicholas (Megan) Deters

Elizabeth Deters

Emily Deters Siblings

Rog (Pat) Van Dam of Allegan

Karen (Ron) Sebright of Fife Lake

Dave (Marla) Van Dam of Zeeland In-Laws

Joyce Van Dam of Holland

Carole Lugten of Holland

Judi (Jack) Veldheer of Holland

Rosie (Randy) Gutknecht of Hamilton Several nieces, nephews and cousins

Friends that he loved as family and great neighbors both near and far. A

memorial service is planned for 11:00am Monday, August 19 at Community Reformed Church, 10376 Felch St., Zeeland, with Rev. Greg Ten Brink officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Hamilton. A time of visitation is planned for 2:00-4:00pm Sunday, August 18 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E 16th St., Holland. Memorial contributions may be made to Community Reformed Church and Harbor Humane Society. Condolences may be left online at [www.langelandsterebergh.com](http://www.langelandsterebergh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Rich" Van Dam*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Brent & Jillane, I just learned of Rich's passing. I always enjoyed watching him tend the garden across the street - he always shared tomatoes with me. We also had many conversations about groundhogs, the neighborhood and many other topics. He was so proud of his asparagus this year! Prayers for peace and comfort as you grieve his loss. Beth Kiekintveld"*

**A friend** - August 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Marla, Jilane, and family, It grieves us all to hear the news of Rich not here with us on earth anymore. But we are consoled by the message of him going to be with the Lord and reunited with loved ones in Heaven. One of whom is our papa Jerry. Rich couldn't have been a better friend to my dad! But also the entire vandam family took us in when our family was in need years ago and not only gave us a place to stay, but all the love and support you could have needed. That's just the kind of people they are. And we love them all for it! Some people are fortunate enough to have lifelong friends, and we consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have them in our lives!! I hope God gives you all strength and comfort today and always! We miss you already Rich!!!❤️ Love, LeaAnn Smeenge/verstrate"*

**Lea Verstrate** - August 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LV

“We are all grieved to hear about Rich not being here with us on Earth. But we are comforted by the message of him going to be with the Lord, and reunited with loved ones and friends. One of whom is our papa Jerry. Rich couldn't have been a better friend to my dad. And there entire family took us in at a time when our family was in need. They not only gave us shelter, but all the love and support to go with it! That's just the kind of people they are. Some people are fortunate to have lifelong friends, and we have been blessed to have been to have them in our lives. Love ❤️ you Rich! Thanks for being you! I miss you already!! ❤️ LeaAnn Smeenge/ Verstrate”

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**LeaAnn Verstrate** - August 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“To Marla and family I am sorry for your loss, God bless you all. Rich meant the a lot to Angie and I, he was a great and respected man, he will truly be missed by all.”

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**David Forsten** - August 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JA

“October 20 was always a big day with Rich, pheasant hunters would come from far and near for opening day, and oh by the way, it was Rich and Marla's wedding anniversary!”

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**Jack** - August 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DB

“RIP my friend.”

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**DONALD BOOTHBY** - August 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RL

“*My sympathy to Marla and the family.  
Ron Lugten (Marla's cousin)*”

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**Ron Lugten** - August 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BS

“*We express out sympathy to my cousin's family.*”

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**Bern and Sandi** - August 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RC

“*Aunt Marla, Jillane and family, We send our love and prayers as you go forward. We miss our Uncle Rich and will always carry with us our wonderful memories of him and our time together. Looking forward to the time that we're all together again. Love.*”

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**Robin Callahan** - August 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“*Ginger and Bob Van Klavern, West Olive MI 49460*”

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**Ginger and Bob Van Klavern** - August 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM