



## Richard Vandervelde

October 31, 1938 - November 9, 2018

Richard A. Vandervelde, age 80, died on November 9, 2018. Richard was born in Waxahachie, Texas. His parents, Ben and Fran Vandervelde, were on the faculty of Trinity University. As musicians, they fostered a lifelong interest and participation in music. Growing up in Indianola, Iowa, he graduated from Indianola High School in 1956. During his high school years, he met Phyllis J. White and they married in 1960. During their almost 45 years of marriage they had two sons, Michael S and Scott D. and 3 grandchildren. After receiving degrees from Simpson College and The University of Iowa. He joined the Faculty of Hope College in 1967 as a member of the Mathematics Department. He remained at Hope College until retirement in 2000. While at Hope, he served a term as Chair of the Mathematics Department. Among other contributions to the department and college, he was a volunteer assistant cross country coach for 12 seasons beginning in 1997. He was a member of Third Reformed Church in Holland for over 50 years. He served on the consistory and contributed to the tenor section of the choir. Richard was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Phyllis; brother, David; and brother-in-law, Duane White. He is survived by his wife, L. Jane (Vogt); sons, Michael (Kendra) Vandervelde, Scott (Stacie) Vandervelde; sister-in-law, Sharon (Jerry) Rhoads; brother-in-law, Keith White; sister-in-law, Irene White; sister-in-law, Julie (Rob) Leman; step-children, Linda (Eric) Haworth, Mark (Carla) Vogt, Laura Vogt, Brian Vogt; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. A Memorial service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 1, 2018

at Third Reformed Church, 111 West 13th St. Holland, MI 49423. A time of visitation with the family will immediately follow the service at the church. Due to his belief in the need and benefit of college scholarships, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to the Phyllis J. Vandervelde Memorial Scholarship at Hope College, P.O. Box 9000, Holland, MI 49422 or the 1960 Centennial Class Scholarship at Simpson College, 701 North C St., Indianola, IA 50125.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Vandervelde*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"My sympathies to the Vandervelde family! Rick was my college advisor and a favorite prof, and I had the pleasure of becoming reacquainted with him in his retirement when I worked at Hope. Always a smile and a friendly hug! And Phyllis was my resume "typer" back in the days before word processing. (LOL) He will be missed!"*

**Lannette Zylman** - November 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"The entire Neil family sends our sympathy to "Doc's" family. Rick was one of my all time favorite profs at Hope, and a big advocate as I coached. He, Phyllis and the boys were my family away from home. What a blessing."*

**A friend** - November 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"My sympathy. I was a HS and Collage classmate. May his faith and your memories bring you joy during times of sadness"*

**Phyllis Geyer** - November 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“Rick was a treasured colleague in the Mathematics Department using his research abilities to further the mission of the college and the Department. He was a very popular teacher especially in his specialty of Abstract Algebra. I was always delighted to share his interest in the Hope Cross Country program. John Van Iwaarden, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, Hope College”

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**john van iwaarden** - November 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM