



## Rika Vander Ploeg

July 8, 1928 - July 2, 2022

Rika Vander Ploeg, 93, passed away on Saturday, July 2, 2022.

Rika was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on July 8, 1928, to Jacob and Jennie Alphenaar. She graduated from high school and started her working career. She retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Company after several years serving as an executive secretary. Rika married George Vander Ploeg on August 11, 1965. Rika and George were members of First Protestant Reformed Church of Holland. In 2016, after 51 years of marriage, George preceded Rika in death.

She is survived by her brother Harold and Joyce Alphenaar of Kalamazoo, sister-in-law Betty Alphenaar of Kalamazoo, and many beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Funeral services for Rika Vander Ploeg will be 10:00 am, Saturday, July 9, 2022, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th Street, Holland MI 49423. A light luncheon and a time of visitation and fellowship will follow the funeral service. Interment will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland.

# Cemetery Details

## Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.  
Holland, MI 49423

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home  
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Holland, MI 49423  
(616) 392-2306  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rika Vander Ploeg*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *I am so grateful to have known Rika and to have visited and prayed with her frequently. She was a very sweet, caring person - she would always ask how my family was doing even when she wasn't feeling well herself. My deepest sympathies to her loved ones whom I know she cherished deeply. Cindy Nyhoff, Royal Park Place chaplain*

**Cindy Nyhoff** - July 06, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Rika was a dear member of our Royal Atrium Inn family for almost five years! During that time, she was a blessing to her fellow residents, tablemates, and the staff. During the height of COVID my daughter came in to help take temperatures and oxygen levels. After that, every time I ran into Rika in the hallway she would ask, "How's Hannah doing? Tell her I said Hello." Thank you for sharing Rika with us!*

**Jeff Zylstra** - July 06, 2022 at 09:46 AM