

Robert "Bob" Arendsen

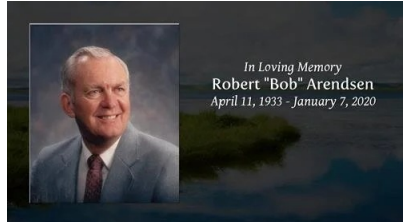
April 11, 1933 - January 7, 2020

Robert "Bob" Arendsen age 86, of Zeeland, died Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at an area care center. He was the son of Bert and Gertrude Arendsen and preceded in death by his first wife, Shirley in 2001 and wife Catherine in 2016, and a sister-in-law, Arlene Goorman-Hoek in 2019. Bob was a veteran of the Army serving from 1953-1955 and then into the reserves for 8 years. He was a Civil Engineer and worked for Haven-Busch Company for 14 years and then co-founded Spring Brook Irrigation in Holland. He was a Charter Member of Community Reformed Church where he served as elder, deacon and Sunday School teacher. He also served on the Zeeland Public School Board from 1975 to 1991. He is survived by his sons, Rod and Jackie Arendsen of Holland, Ric Arendsen of Allendale, Ron Arendsen of Zeeland; 5 grandchildren, Aubrey, Matt, Peyton, Samarah and Brenden; siblings, Glenn Arendsen of Zeeland, Carl and Dee Arendsen of Holland, Katie Stroop of Holland; Catherine's children, Kathleen, Mary, John, Elaine, Stephen, Debbie and Greg all of Canada. Funeral services with military honors will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Community Reformed Church, 10376 Felch Street, Zeeland. Burial will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday and 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday also at Community Reformed Church. Memorial contributions may be given to Community Reformed Church Building Fund or Hospice of Holland. The family is being served by Yntema Funeral Home. To leave a condolence and more information, please visit www.yntemafh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" Arendsen*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - January 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Robert "Bob" Arendsen*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Bob was a most loving, kind and gentle man. We always looked forward to his visits with Nana over the summer and we have missed his grilling skills on the BBQ. He was a great example of how to be gentleman as he treated Cathy with such love and respect. Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss."*

Debbie Patterson - January 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Bob was truly a wonderful person and well loved by those who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and may he rest in peace. Emily Morgan and family"*

Emily Morgan - January 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DP

“Bob was a great man, who always treated me and my family with lots of respect and love. Every summer, I looked forward to seeing him and my Nana, who he treated so well. He will be missed. Thoughts are with him.”

Duncan Patterson - January 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JO

“We are blessed to have had Bob in our lives. He was not only a gentleman of the finest kind but also a wonderful partner for our mother in their later years. We looked forward to their annual summer trips to Nova Scotia. His calm demeanour and infectious smile will be missed. May he Rest In Peace.”

John - January 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KN

“My greatest condolences for Bob and his family. He was a wonderful man who I was proud to call my Grandad Bob. He was a loving companion to my Nana in her later years. Sending warm thoughts to Michigan.”

Katie Nakaska - January 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EP

“I had the pleasure of knowing Bob my entire life. We always looked forward to Bob and Nana coming to stay the summers with us in Nova Scotia. Bob was a true gentleman who treated my Nana like gold. I was fortunate enough to have learned a lot from Bob about how to treat others with respect and kindness. Bob will remain in my heart all the days of my life!”

Emily Patterson - January 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DP

“Bob was a great man. He set a great example to our whole family and will be dearly missed.”

David Patterson - January 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FD

“So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I know he was a true gentleman to everyone that crossed his path.”

Florence Dale - January 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FD

“So sorry for your loss.”

Florence Dale - January 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GP

“A kind loving man with whom I played many games of golf in NS and Pei. He was so loving of my mom and all of his extended family, and my children and I loved him. Always a gentleman and always a pleasure to be around. Rest In Peace to a great man”

Greg Patterson - January 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MP

“Bob was a true Prince of a man, we feel very fortunate that he was part of our lives, and especially grateful for the more than 15 years of happiness he and our beloved mother Catherine shared until her passing on January 6th 2016. You will forever be in our hearts.”

Mary Patterson - January 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

OP

“Bob was a great man. The way he treated our Nana set an example of what it means to be a true gentleman. I will always cherish the memories he gave us as well as the lessons he taught us.”

Owen Patterson - January 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JS

“Rest In Peace Bob.. I have many fond memories of growing up with you in our home over the summer with my Nana. You always had a positive and caring influence on our family and were a great example of a devoted husband. You will be missed and have certainly left your mark and a lasting legacy on all of us!”

John Sorensen - January 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JP

“Hi sorry, don't know how to delete my last message but I meant to write RIP Bob, only fond memories of him, he was a great man. Sorry again.”

Jack Patterson - January 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PN

“One of the best man I've had the pleasure of meeting. My family embraced him with open loving arms. He took good care of my grandmother in her final years. We always knew she was in good hands, and safe with a good man. Thank you Bob.-Patrick Nakaska, family”

Patrick Nakaska - January 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JP

“*"RIP Bob, was not fond memories with him, he was a great man!
Jack Patterson"*

Jack Patterson - January 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DP

“*"Bob was a great man who I know made my grandmother happy
while they both embarked on their second marriage, he was a kind
soul and will dearly be missed by everyone who's lives he touched."*

Dylan Patterson - January 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PM

“*"Prayers and thoughts to the whole family in the loss of Bob."*

Pearl Minnema - January 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CN

“*"I am grateful to have known Bob when he lived at Royal Atrium Inn.
He faithfully attended worship services and would grasp my hand
and tell me "Good job!", no matter what. I miss his firm handshake
and warm smile. My sympathies to Bob's loved ones. - Cindy
Nyhoff, Chaplain"*

Cindy Nyhoff - January 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KS

“*"Such an amazing kind man."*

Kathy Smith - January 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JO

“*"We are very sad to hear about the pasting of your dad. You are in
our thoughts and prayers Joe & Lynn Harsevoort"*

Joe - January 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM