



## Robert "Bob" Hop

October 11, 1937 - April 7, 2024

Robert "Bob" Hop, age 86, of South Olive, entered into his Heavenly Home on Sunday, April 7, 2024.

Bob was born on October 11, 1937, in Holland, Michigan, to Gilbert and Alice (Baumann) Hop. Bob married Thelma Dykstra in 1956. They raised their children in downtown South Olive and Bob was a lifelong member of South Olive Christian Reformed Church.

Bob and Thelma lived lives filled with faith, love, joy, and kindness. They were married for 67 wonderful years until Thelma preceded him in death in November of 2023. Theirs was a love story that inspired all who knew them. Together, they created a warm and loving home, filled with laughter and memories. Thelma and Bob were also committed to helping raise funds for South Olive Christian School making pigs-in-the-blanket and pies for South Olive CRC. They both worked diligently for the cause.

Bob Hop was also preceded in death by his son, Mike Hop in 2019; their great-grandson Ethan VerHage; and brothers June (Maxine) Hop, Sherwin Hop; in-laws: Harald Kronemeyer, and Jerry Logrippo.

In 1956, Bob started working at HEMCO Gage and fully retired from there in 2022. He enjoyed softball and coached a women's softball team for many

years and also played softball well into his sixties.

Bob's legacy shines brightly through his large, closely-knit family. He is survived by his daughters: Kathy (Rick) Diemer, Kim (Dale) Walters; daughter-in-law, Brenda Hop; grandchildren: Shawn (Jodi) Diemer, Kelli (Andrew) Kapenga, Jessica (Brian) Kamminga, Melissa (Cornelius) Boyd, Stacy (Phil) Runner, Ashley (Ryan) VerHage, Adam (Kylie) Diemer, Tanya (Kevin) Kooiker, Bethany (Steve) Raak, Travis (Jilayne) Walters, Melinda (Joel) Kryger, Ryan (Angela Stegink) Walters, Kristopher (Michelle) Hop, Danyelle (Jeff) Roon, Mitchell (Samantha Tear) Hop; 45 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchild; siblings: Alverne (Arlene) Hop, Elaine (Neil) Jacobsen, Judith Kronemeyer; in-laws: Delores Hop, Mary (Jack) De Graff, Delwyn (Donna) Dykstra, Delores (Ed) DeVries, Steve (Cathy) Dykstra, as well as many extended family members.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 am, Friday, April 12, 2024, at South Olive Christian Reformed Church, 6425 North 120th Avenue, Holland, MI 49424. Visitation will be Thursday, 6-8 PM, at South Olive CRC, and also 10:00-10:45 am prior to the funeral on Friday morning.

In the spirit of Bob & Thelma's generosity, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to South Olive CRC or South Olive Christian School, in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements by the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. [www.yntemafh.com](http://www.yntemafh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Olive Township

116th Ave and Taylor St.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South Olive Christian Reformed Church  
6425 120th Avenue  
Holland, MI 49424

## Funeral

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

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6425 120th Avenue  
Holland, MI 49424

## Funeral Service

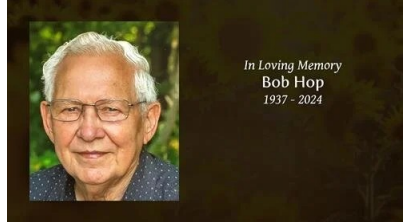
APR 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

South Olive Christian Reformed Church  
6425 120th Avenue  
Holland, MI 49424

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - April 10, 2024 at 04:44 PM

“ On behalf of the Wysong & Wilson families and the Hemco Gage team, our heartfelt prayers and love to Bob's family and loved ones.. Bob began working @ Hemco Gage in April 1956. More than 60 years later, he officially retired. He helped Hemco Gage transition from making pens to making gages in the 1950s. Bob was an integral part of Hemco Gage's expansion into the oilfield gaging market; creating & building the protocols & procedures to finish and inspect those products in the 1970s & 1980s. In the 1990s, Bob's leadership, integrity & deep care for others shone through as Hemco Gage became non-union again. In the 2000s and on, Bob helped to mentor many of us within Hemco, preparing the next generation. Bob had a profound impact on Hemco Gage and the generations of folks who worked with Bob.

Hemco Gage, for many years, was known internally as “Hopco”. Our family and our company were blessed by three (3) generations of the Hop Family: Bob & Jun and their brothers; Bob's son, Mike, and sons-in-law, Rick & Wally; Mike's children, Danyelle, Kristopher & Mitchell. Our families and everyone at Hemco Gage have been deeply blessed by Bob and the Hop Family.

Bob's leadership, work ethic, sense of humor, technical knowledge, his ability to look to the future were invaluable. The hallmarks of his deep & abiding faith in Jesus Christ, such as humility, service, gentleness, kindness & the heart of a teacher have become imbued into Hemco Gage's culture. It carries on today in and through the women & men he taught & led.

On a personal note, I came to Hemco in 1995. I was a very young Christian. I had been taught to “stick with the winners”. This meant, finding the men around me who lived out the values, the character traits, and the principles the bible taught – and sticking close to them, listening, learning, asking questions. In other words, find the men I wanted to be like when I grew up. Bob Hop was a man I wanted to be like when I grew up...still is.

*Chris Wysong*

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**Christopher Wysong** - April 09, 2024 at 01:09 PM

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“ *Our Sympathies to the whole family of Robert Hop.  
As I grew up a special time was when Uncle Bob and Aunt Thelma  
opened up their home to all their siblings and young families, and  
we got to spend New Years Eve running around and eating and  
playing games with all our cousins , in their basement!  
Looking back, that was very generous of them, many good  
memories of New Years Eves together !*

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**Terri Vanden Bosch** - April 09, 2024 at 09:52 AM