



## Robert Gerald Bouwman

October 16, 1936 - April 25, 2025

Robert Bouwman, age 88, of Holland, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 25, 2025 at the Inn at Freedom Village surrounded by his loving family. Robert was a loving husband, brother, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a member of Christ Memorial Church.

Robert was born in Holland, Michigan in 1936 to Marinus and Mildred Bouwman and graduated from Holland High School in 1954; he went on to study business at Davenport College. After graduation, he began working in the mail room at Holland Motor Express (USF Holland), where he rose through the ranks to become Vice President of Operations, a role he held for many years. During this time, he met the love of his life, Linda, and they were married in 1962. A man of strong faith, Robert found comfort and guidance in his belief. He taught us the true meaning of family, showing us the value of hard work, compassion, and kindness. He was our hero, our guide, and anchor to our family. We will cherish memories of his warm hugs, gentle laughter, and countless ways he demonstrated his love for all of us. Robert was a true gentleman, a passionate golfer, and a boater. He enjoyed the camaraderie of playing golf with his friends and found joy in the open waters of Lake Michigan. He loved spending his time at their seasonal residence in Naples, FL. He was always ready to lend a helping hand and was a true pillar of the Holland community.

Robert was preceded in death by his loving wife, Linda Bouwman; parents, Marinus and Mildred Bouwman; parents-in-law, Wayne and Mildred Seppamaki; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Denise Bouwman, and in-laws, John and Shelia Seppamaki.

He will be missed by his

#### Children

Mark (Robin) Bouwman

Steve (Mike Silvaggi) Bouwman

Laura (Wayne) DeBruyn

5 grandchildren

8 great grandchildren

#### Brother

Tom (Marilyn) Bouwman

#### In-Laws

Jim (Peg) Seppamaki

and many nieces and nephews.

A service to honor Robert is planned for 1:00pm on Friday, May 16th in the 6th floor Auditorium at Freedom Village, 145 Columbia Ave., Holland. Rev.

Timothy Brown will officiate. A time of refreshment and visitation will follow from 1:30- 3:30pm, also in the auditorium. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the staff at Freedom Village for their loving care and support. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Gentiva Hospice (625 Kenmore Ave SE, Suite 115, Grand Rapids, MI 49546). Arrangements are by Langeland-Sterenber

Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at [www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.  
Holland, MI 49423

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

Freedom Village Auditorium  
145 Columbia  
Holland, MI 49423

## Visitation and Fellowship

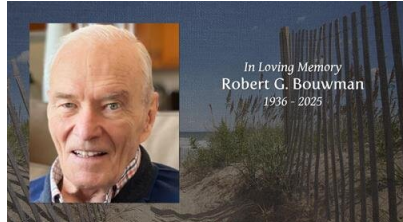
MAY 16. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM.

Freedom Village Auditorium

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Gerald Bouwman*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - May 14, 2025 at 04:36 PM

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“ *Robert A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Gerald Bouwman.*

Robert A. - May 15, 2025 at 12:06 PM

LF

“ *Love, The Pittiglio Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Gerald Bouwman.*



Love, The Pittiglio Family - May 14, 2025 at 09:39 PM

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Love, The Pittiglio Family - May 14, 2025 at 09:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Gerald Bouwman.*



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May 07, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ *We will all miss Bob tremendously. He always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eyes... so thankful for the time we got to spend with him at FV/The Inn. Thinking about your family in the days and weeks ahead... Roger Borr and family*

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**Carin Von Ins** - May 06, 2025 at 08:38 AM



“ *Bob has a special place in my heart. I met him at the inn when my mother was there. We chatted frequently and he greeted me warmly as I entered. His smile started at his feet and was super sized by the time it came on his face to warm me. He loved to talk about boating and golf - which sadly was never to be other than great memories till now in Heaven. Out thoughts are with you all.*

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**Trinie** - May 06, 2025 at 08:19 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Gerald Bouwman.*



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May 04, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Gerald Bouwman.

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May 04, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ Anna Perales lit a candle in memory of Robert Gerald Bouwman



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Anna Perales - April 29, 2025 at 07:01 PM