



Robert Nanninga

August 8, 1932 - November 28, 2019

Robert D. Nanninga, age 87, of Holland, passed away on Thursday, November 28, 2019. Bob was born August 8, 1932, in Kalamazoo. After graduation he served in the Marine Corps, during the Korean War, and was awarded the Purple Heart. He married his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth Van Eyk, on May 29, 1953. After graduation from WMU, he taught in Indiana and Holland. In 1964, he and Betty moved to Annville, Kentucky, to work for the Reformed Church in America at Annville Institute. He taught Industrial Arts and helped start the first volunteer fire department in Annville. In 1975, the family moved to Harrogate, Tennessee, where Bob and Betty worked at Lincoln Memorial University. They returned to Michigan in 1980, and Bob worked as Industrial Arts teacher at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services. He left in 1989 to begin making Shaker furniture. Bob was a longtime member of Community Reformed Church in Zeeland, serving as elder and deacon. Besides woodworking and fishing, Bob loved music. In 2012, he began line dancing at Evergreen Commons, eventually adding ballroom dancing. He loved the dancing and appreciated the encouragement, warmth, and the affection of his classmates and friends. Bob leaves his daughters: Valerie Engeltjes (Ira), Denise Koops (Blaine), and Lynn Edwards (Ray); grandchildren Megan, Sean and Melanie, and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty (2010); parents, Henry and Cora Nanninga; siblings: Lois Van Dalson, Henry Paul Nanninga. Funeral services will be at 11:00am on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at Yntema

Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland, MI 49464. Visitation will from 4:00-6:00pm on Monday, December 2, also at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are to Hospice of Holland. www.yntemafh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Nanninga*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Missing a great friend, fellow veteran, good conversation at Evergreen Commons"*

Warren Lowry - December 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Bob was a very good friend from Evergreen Commons."*

Steve Lont - December 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Robert Nanninga*

A friend - December 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Bob was a great friend and a wonderful gentlemen. Always had a beautiful smile. I will miss him very much but I know he is happy being in heaven with our Lord. Rest in peace my dear friend."*

June Vissxher - December 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RE

“We extend our sympathy to Bob's family. We met Bob & Betty at Annville Institute when we moved from Iowa to Gray Hawk, Kentucky in 1971. We loved the school there & were sad to see it closed. We cherish the people we knew who taught & worked there until it closed.”

Rev - November 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MM

“Robert was a great friend. I will miss his smile every time I saw him at Evergreen Commons. Mary Medendorp”

Mary Medendorp - November 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LT

“My love and prayers are with the family. He was a great guide as a Christian.”

lonnie Tincher - November 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CW

“May God Bless the family as he blessed us all with Mr. Nanninga. The thoughts and prayers of all his former students go to the family. Chris Williams Director Annville Institute Alumni Association”

Chris Williams - November 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SM

“So sorry for your loss! I have great memories of your wonderful parents. They were such an inspiration to all those who knew them!!”

Sandra Madden - November 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BE

“Robert was a very special person. He made everyone he met feel special. Such a blessing to the Annville community. Prayers for the family.”

Betty - November 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PV

“Bob was a good friend! Our line dance group was blessed to have him as our friend! He was a joy to everyone who knew him! My heartfelt condolences to his family!
Peggy VanDenHeuvel”

Peggy VanDenHeuvel - November 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TT

“Rest In Peace my friend, thanks for all you taught me and getting me involved in my life long career. you were the best. see you on the other side when Jesus calls us home. Tim Tankersley”

Tim Tankersley - November 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HS

“The Pond Creek Vol. Fire Dept. in Annville, Ky would like to send our thoughts and prayers to all of the family of Bob as we called him. Chief Bob was the First Fire Chief of Pond Creek Fire Dept. in 1971 and to this day is still the largest Fire Dept. in the County. Larry Bowling Chief”

Henry Smith - November 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SM

“Thoughts and prayers for all of you. Dick and Nancy let me know.”

Susan Moore - November 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CR

“*Bob, you will forever be in our hearts, rest in peae*”

Clint Ray - November 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*Bob Nanninga was the most kindest and most considerable person that I've ever met. I will miss Him, rest in peace. Clint Ray*”

A friend - November 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM