



## Roger Elton Syswerda

October 19, 1941 - July 18, 2024

Roger Syswerda, age 82, passed away on Thursday, July 18, 2024.

Roger was married to his wife, Joan Syswerda for 58 years. He grew up in Marne, MI and served in various capacities in public and Christian education both in Indiana and Michigan for 38 years. He had a strong faith and a great love for the Lord. He absolutely loved his wife, children, their spouses, and his grandkids, and their spouses. He was always willing to “pick up and go” to be a part of family activities wherever the family was located. He loved the outdoors and sports of all kinds. He was loved and will be greatly missed.

He is preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Ivan and Helen Syswerda; brother, Randy Syswerda; sister, Donna Vander Wal; and brother-in-law, Harold Sheridan.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Syswerda; children, Todd and Dara Syswerda (Thane, Laynie), Mark and Kelley Syswerda (Brooke and Jonathan Foster, Micah, Paige, Aidan), Eric and Shannon Syswerda (Madison, Ethan, Owen), Erin and Webster Griebel (Moseley, Van); brothers and sisters, Mary Sheridan, Maxine and Scott De Gaynor, John and Jean Syswerda, Dorothy and Fred Langeland, Dave and Ellen Syswerda, Bonnie and Karl Olexa, Connie and Marv Meiste, Ed and Jan Syswerda, Karel and Jeff Swanson; in-laws, Jean Syswerda, Larry and Terri Vander Wal, Marianne and Ron LePard;

nieces, nephews, and numerous close friends.

An open house to celebrate Roger's life will be held from 2:00-4:00 pm on Sunday, October 27, 2024, in the multi-purpose room of Central Wesleyan Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider giving a gift to either Rest Haven Care Center at <https://resthaven.org/help-us-serve/> or Hospice of Holland at <https://www.hollandhospice.org/ways-to-give/>.

[www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **27**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Central Wesleyan Church  
446 West 40th St.  
Holland, MI 49423

*Multi-purpose room*

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ I had the privilege of worshiping with Roger at Plymouth Wesleyan and working with him at Knox Middle School. You could always see his love for people at church and for the students and staff at the school. One memory that stands out to me from school is from the end of the day before Christmas break one year. I had a rickety table in my classroom. A student leaned on it, and down it went. Roger walked by while I was looking it over. He could have encouraged me to turn in a maintenance request and headed home, but instead he went back to the office, dug out a screwdriver, and helped me himself to fix it. That was Roger--down to earth and willing to jump in and help out even when it wasn't his job. I'm sorry for your loss, Joan, but celebrating with you a life lived well and for the Lord. Praying for you!

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**Matt Aukerman** - July 20, 2024 at 11:04 PM

BJ

“ So sorry Joannie, sending prayers & sympathy to you & your family

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**Bonnie (Brummel) Joldersma** - July 20, 2024 at 07:46 AM

MG

“ One day, I happened to be substitute teacher at Lakeview Christian School for a kindergarten class which would become the Class of '95. One little boy in that class was at school that day even though his grandfather had just died. it was the very beginning of the school day. Roger Syswerda opened the door to the classroom and looked around until he saw the boy. Roger said nothing. He walked over to the child, bent down and simply held the boy in a long hug.

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**Millie Gaddis** - July 19, 2024 at 04:55 PM

GW

*Rog was a valued neighbor of the entire neighborhood of Blue Heron. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and always willing to help our community ...RIP, Neighbor.*

**Gail Weigel** - July 19, 2024 at 10:31 PM

JP

*Our condolences, Joan. We will miss his smile as he greeted all of us at CWC*

**judy posma** - July 20, 2024 at 02:04 PM

CJ

*Dear Joan and family, May God's true comfort find its way to your hearts. I loved working with Roger at Lakeview Christian school. He was such a good and Christ-like man.*

**Carolyn Jones** - July 20, 2024 at 10:15 PM

EK

*Our sympathy to you and your family, Connie & Marv! Jim & Eunice Kooiman*

**Eunice Kooiman** - July 21, 2024 at 10:19 PM