



## Ronald J Pothoven

November 21, 1936 - September 1, 2024

Ronald James Pothoven, age 87, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on September 1, 2024.

Ron was born in Denver, Colorado on November 21, 1936. The family moved to Holland, Michigan when Ron was 9 years old where he attended Holland Christian Schools, graduating in 1954. He earned a B.A. degree from Calvin College in 1958 and an M.A. degree in 1960 from Michigan State University. He taught at Allendale Christian and Holland Christian for a total of 39 years. At HCHS, he coached track for several years and tennis for many years after that.

He was very active in serving as an elder numerous times and singing in various choirs. Singing in His Men for a number of years was one of his personal favorites. Ron also deeply loved family vacations and gatherings.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Garret & Stella Pothoven; in-laws, Peter & Janet Buteyn; sister & her husband, Carol & Dale Topp; sister, Marcia; and brother-in-law, Lee Koning.

Ron is survived by his:

Wife of 65 years, Iris (Buteyn) Pothoven

Children and Grandchildren

Carla & Kurt Mast (Kyle & Kristen Mast, Kaitlyn & Chris Jacobs)

Cheryl & Ray Stark (Patrick & Savanna Schuiteman, Taylor & Mitchell Lubbers, Morgan & Dominick Gamba, Payton Stark)

Chuck & Laura Pothoven (Elise & Matthew LeFebre, Lucas & Erin Pothoven, Emma Pothoven)

Great Grandchildren

Benjamin, Daniel & Rebekah Mast

Henley & Ryland Jacobs

Lincoln Lubbers

Cora, Rowen & Cannen Gamba

Levi LeFebre

and awaiting the arrival of two more.

Brother

Ken (Betty) in Florida

In-laws

Tom & Cindy Buteyn of Rockford, Michigan

Pat Koning of Byron Center

along with many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is planned for 1:00pm Friday, September 6, at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Road, Holland (please use doors C & D). Rev. Gary Matthews will officiate. A private family burial is planned in West Drenthe Cemetery. Visitation is scheduled for 6:00-8:00pm Thursday, September 5, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S State St., Zeeland. Memorial contributions may be made to Holland Christian Schools and Faith Hospice.

Condolences may be left online at [www.yntmeafh.com](http://www.yntmeafh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## West Drenthe Cemetery

862 78th Avenue  
Zeeland, MI 49464

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home  
251 South State Street  
Zeeland, MI 49464

## Memorial Service

SEP 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Christ Memorial Church  
595 Graafschap Road  
Holland, MI 49423

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Ronald J. Pothoven Memorial Service in memory of Ronald J Pothoven*

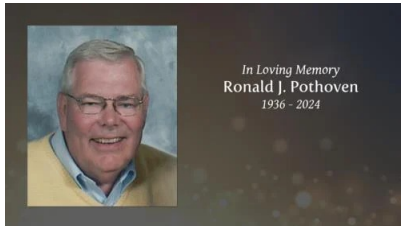


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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - September 09, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald J Pothoven*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - September 04, 2024 at 04:23 PM

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“ *Dear Iris,*

*Frank and I send our sincere sympathy to you and your family.*

*Barb and Frank Van Buren*

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**Barbara Van Buren** - September 05, 2024 at 05:34 PM

JS

“ Thoughts and prayers to you all. He was a great example of what it means to be a Godly man. We had a ton of fun in whatever we did. I will always cherish our years together!

Jeff Schuiteman - September 05, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald J Pothoven.



September 04, 2024 at 04:19 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald J Pothoven.



September 03, 2024 at 04:09 PM

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“ Ron's voice and his presence were a gift to HIS MEN!!!

Doug Tjapkes - September 03, 2024 at 10:42 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ronald J Pothoven.



September 02, 2024 at 08:07 PM

JS

“ Dear Iris and the entire Pothoven family, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. I taught with Ron for 3 years at Holland Christian before I left to attend graduate school at MSU. Ron had a wry sense of humor and it was always fun when he was in the staff room. I wish all of you the best.

*Jayne Schuiteman*

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**Jayne Schuiteman** - September 02, 2024 at 05:06 PM