



## Ruth Sterken

December 10, 1945 - March 2, 2020

Ruth Sterken, age 74, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, March 2, 2020. Ruth was a loving wife and mother who was devoted to her family. She never missed a kids or grandkids ball game or event. Friendship was her love language and caring came easy for her. There was never a fan in the crowd that didn't quickly become her friend. She was a lifelong member of Faith Reformed Church in Zeeland where she gave of herself freely. She will always be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor and will be dearly missed. She was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Henry Sterken. She was survived by her husband of 54 years, Charles Sterken; daughter, Kris and Robert Bastiaanse; son, Steve and Christine Sterken; son, Ben and Karrie Sterken; grandchildren, Jennifer Cochran, Allison Sterken, Derrek Sterken, Sam Sterken, Alexis Sterken, Nora Sterken; great-grandchildren, Noah and Finley Cochran; brother, Kelly and Kitty VanDenBrink; brother, Roger VanDenBrink; sister-in-law, Anne and John Geuzebroek; sister-in-law, Dawn Sterken; and nieces and nephews. Visitation is 4:00-7:00 pm on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State. St., Zeeland, MI 49464. Funeral services are Noon on Friday, March 6 at Faith Reformed Church, 220 West Central Ave., Zeeland, MI 49464 with Rev. Jonathan Elgersma officiating. Memorial contributions may be given in Ruth's honor to Breakfast with Baby through Faith Reformed Church. Burial to take place in Zeeland Cemetery.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home  
251 S State St  
Zeeland , MI 49464  
(616) 772-2173  
info@yntemafh.com  
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

## Service

MAR 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Faith Reformed Church  
220 West Central Ave  
Zeeland, MI 49464

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Sterken* ”



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - March 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruth Sterken* ”

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"So many memories...my thoughts and prayers are with the family."* ”

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**Sue VanKley** - March 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time. The Ramaker Family Pam, Mike & Jody"* ”

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**Pam Ramaker** - March 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BG

“Praying for the family during this time of loss. Ruth was our Garden View neighbor, always happy and helping and cheering on others. Remember playing Euchre with her and Chuck. She will be missed!!! Barb & Denny Graveling”

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**Barb Graveling** - March 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Chuck and family we will all miss Ruth so much what a fun lady we enjoyed her sense of humor so much we will always remember all the bus trips we had and she was so fun to travel with and the week we spent together in Florida she sure knew how to make us laugh we will all miss her so much we will keep you in our prayers she was one special lady who knew how to light up your life i bet she has the angels in heaven laughing now thats Ruthie many hugs and prayer to a special family jerry and donna Driesenga”

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**A friend** - March 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DA

“Chuck and family, Linda and I are so sorry to read about Ruth's passing. She was an amazing woman and enjoyed the many years of camping and shopping visits with her at to 5 and 10 variety store. We are in Florida so are unable to make viewing or service. Dave and Linda Arendsen”

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**Dave and Linda Arendsen** - March 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

VS

“Ruth was an amazing friend with a big heart and a great sense of humor. We are especially grateful for her generous hospitality to us and our kids when we were neighbors for a short time during our kids' high school years. We send our love and prayers to your family in this time of grief and celebration.”

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**Vern and Carla Sterk** - March 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MT

“Willie and I always loved seeing your mom at the games. She was always so supportive of the teams and had such a GREAT smile, laugh and a sense of humor to match.”

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**Mark and Willie Taylor** - March 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM