



Ruth Joyce Terpstra

June 5, 1930 - November 4, 2023

Ruth Joyce Terpstra, age 93, of Zeeland, was welcomed into her Heavenly home on Saturday, November 4, 2023.

Ruth was born June 5, 1930 in Borculo, MI, to Gerrit (Henry) and Catherine Blauwkamp. She was married to the love of her life, Peter A. Terpstra on August 24, 1950. She was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She was a wonderful homemaker, enjoying knitting, crocheting, cooking and canning, and sewing (even making “cherished” shirts for her three boys). These shirts were later made into quilts for each of the grandchildren. She also had many other interests which included fishing, golfing, playing pool and camping. She and Pete traveled to all 50 states, as well as Europe and China.

Ruth worked as a waitress at Russ’ on 8th St. for 34 years! She and Pete were charter members of Holland Heights CRC. They also were generous with their time and resources volunteering for CRWRC doing disaster relief and many years at Bibles For Mexico.

Ruth is survived by her faithful husband of 73 years, Peter A. Terpstra; sons, Ken (Mary) Terpstra, Jim (Kathy) Terpstra, Dan (Kathy) Terpstra; grandchildren: Wendie (Jeremy) Freriks, Nick (Sarah) Terpstra, Kylie (Jeff)

Leeuw, Ryan (Amanda) Terpstra, Emily (Tom) Bierma, Sean (Mary Miller) Terpstra, Nathan (Emilie) Terpstra; 16 great-grandchildren; in-laws Agnes Harmelink, and Ruth (Vugteveen) Terpstra; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her brothers and their spouses; Henry (Arloa) Blauwkamp, Arnold (Lucille) Blauwkamp,

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at Holland Heights CRC, 836 East 8th Street, Holland, MI. 49423. Visitation with the family will be 4 to 6 PM on Tuesday, November 7 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland, MI 49464.

Memorial Contributions may be given to Zeeland Christian Schools, Holland Christian Schools or Oceans Ministries (www.oceansministries.org).

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Gardens

994 Paw Paw Dr
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 396-4949

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

NOV 8. 2:00 PM.

Holland Heights Crc

Tribute Wall



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



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - November 07, 2023 at 10:05 AM

CS

“ *Pete, I am so sorry to read that Ruth has died, but what a blessing to have had each other for over 70 years. Ken and I enjoyed knowing you and her and visiting with each other years ago. You and Ruth were a Godly Christian couple and an inspiration to us and I would imagine to many others. May God grant you peace and comfort as you travel this new journey. Carol Strabbing*

Carol Strabbing - November 06, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Joyce Terpstra.*



November 06, 2023 at 10:31 AM

JP

“ To Ruth’s family: My name is Judy Posma but was Dykstra when I worked with Ruth at Russ’. Back then all of us were like family to each other. We loved working at Russ’. What a beautiful woman she was and I am sure you will miss her deeply. My condolences for your loss

judy posma - November 05, 2023 at 12:20 PM

SJ

“ I had the opportunity to work with Ruth and Pete at Bibles For Mexico. Always outgoing, caring, and fun times. May God's arms of peace and comfort surround you as you experience this stage of Ruth's life.

Sally Joldersma - November 05, 2023 at 11:36 AM