



Samuel Greydanus, Jr.

June 2, 1924 - February 14, 2017

Samuel E. Greydanus Jr., of Saugatuck, aged 92, passed away on February 14, 2017.

Born June 2, 1924, in Paterson, New Jersey, he attended Eastern Christian Academy, while working for his father's surveying company. He served in the US Army from 1942 to 1945. He landed on Utah Beach on DDay as a member of the Ninth Signal Company, he was engaged in battles in Normandy, the Hurtgen Forest, the Ardennes, the Battle of the Bulge, and the Remagen Bridge. His unit was one of the first to enter the concentration camp at Nordhausen, Germany.

He attended Calvin College, graduate school at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, the University of Rochester, the University of Washington (Seattle), and Queens College, Kingston Ontario. He taught at Cannonsburg, Oakdale Christian, Holland Christian High School, Calvin College, and at the Saugatuck Dunes Correctional Facility. He was a long time member of Gibson Christian Reformed Church, where he served as elder, deacon, and Sunday School Teacher. He was the pitcher for the Gibson softball team well into his 70s.

He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Elsie, 8 children, Bonnie of Klaidepea, Lithuania, Sam and Susan of Holland, John and Marty of Oregon, Mark of Beverly Hills, California, Tim and Sarah of Colorado Springs,

Colorado, James and Judy of Oregon, Dave and Melissa of Saugatuck, and Dale and Kelly of Fennville, 18 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Nellie, and his siblings, Fran, Neil, John, Pearl and Claire, all of New Jersey. Sam loved his Lord, his family, his church, nature in all of its glory, history, politics, and baseball, especially the New York Yankees.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, February 24, 2017 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E 16th Street, Holland. Funeral services with military honors will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 25th, 2017 at Gibson CRC, 6486 140th Ave, Holland, MI 49423. Burial will be in Gibson Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Resthaven Care Center, Holland Christian Schools, or Calvin College. www.langelandsterenberg.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel Greydanus, Jr.*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"I remember their helping us and the family"*

iola - March 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dave: Your dad (and mom) raised quite a fine man who became not only a Michigan State Trooper, but also elevated to the rank of Inspector, in addition to becoming an attorney. Your dad should be proud of his legacy making those accomplishments and this is a reflection of what a wonderful family you came from. Our prayers are with you during this sad time. Inspector Gene Adamczyk, MSP ret."*

Gene Adamczyk - March 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I have fond memories growing up with you all and think of you often. I am sorry that I was not at visitation; did not hear until earlier tonight. He was a great man and I'm sure a great dad (just as you, Elsie, are a wonderful woman!) We are all so blessed to have had him in our lives. Prayers and hugs for all of you."*

Betty - February 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Hi Dave Many happy moments with your dad.. like we've shared often....see you soon Marv"*

Marv Van Voorst - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KL

“Dear Elsie and family, my sympathy and prayers are with you and your family. Many of my best memories growing up were at Meadowlark Farm with John and your family. You and Sam always made me feel so welcome and part of the family. You and Sam's love for God and His creation, and for your children was such an inspiration to me. I always enjoyed my quick visits with you and Sam when work took me near the farm. May God comfort and strengthen you and your family in the coming days.”

Ken laninga - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MW

“It's been more than 50 years since I was in a class of Mr. Greydanus at HCHS, but I remember a warm and caring man who tried hard to get students to probe, dig and use their brains to think about government and politics. In his quiet, understated way, he was a wonderful teacher. (And I enjoyed his letters to the editor over the years, too.) - Mark Wagenveld”

Mark Wagenveld - February 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MR

“Dear Mark and loved ones, I am sorry to hear of your Fathers passing. sincerest thoughts of peace at this time to you and your Family.”

Mary Riley - February 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

IJ

“My condolence to the family. May God be with you during this time and forever more. MSP Retired”

Ive Edwards Jr - February 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RD

“*Dave: I never met your father, and from reading of his life, it was my loss. I know you will miss him, but I see where you recieved your ability to lead and teach. We are sorry for your loss, but God is always good! Taking your father to Heaven is a blessing and the reunion you will have some day will be worth the wait!Bob and Denise Dunham (Retired MSP)*”

Robert Dunham - February 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JH

“*Sorry for the loss, I am sure there are many great memories to share plus remember*”

Jim Hurley - February 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“*Dave, Our sincere condolences to you and your family for the loss of your dear Father. What a legacy he left, Utah Beach, liberating holocaust victims, his career as a professor, and the wonderful family he raised. God Bless you all! John and Debby Matchulat*”

John Matchulat - February 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RB

“*Dave, Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I cannot imagine what you father saw and went through during his time in WWII but I am thankful that he was there along with the many, many other veterans to keep us free. As a Christian and leader in his church he touched the hearts and minds of many individuals. I pray that the Good Lord is holding him close and that He holds you and your family close during this difficult time. MSP Retiree*”

Ralph Boudreau - February 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM