



## Sara Neevel

December 26, 1962 - December 26, 2017

Sara Neevel, 55, of Zeeland passed away Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017 after a six-month battle with cancer. Born September 4, 1962 in Morrison, IL to Phil and Alice (Maisie) Renkes, Sara was a graduate of Hope College, where she met her husband, Ken. After working at Haworth, Inc. for 20 years, Sara became a Manuscript Developer for MacMillan Publishing, working primarily with Dr. David Myers on his Psychology textbooks. Sara's faith was central to who she was. For over 30 years Sara was an active member of Trinity Reformed Church in Holland, where she served as a youth sponsor, deacon, Stephens Minister, and member of the mission team. More recently Sara became a founding member of Jamestown Harbor Church in Jamestown, MI. There she found great joy serving in children's ministry, visitor follow-up, and co-leading a missional community. Sara was also a volunteer through Good Samaritan Ministries, Salvation Army Christmas drives, and led many volunteer mission trips. She was described as gentle, compassionate, kind, and always willing to help others. Even from her hospital bed she was looking for ways to help others in need. Sara was the biggest fan and encourager of her children and grandsons, and she was an avid supporter of the Cubs and the Hope College men's and women's basketball teams. Sara is survived by her husband, Ken; children Kelli and Steve King, and Alison Neevel; grandsons Levi and Owen King; parents Phil and Maisie Renkes, in-laws Jim and Barbara Neevel, sister Ann (Dave) Smazik, sister-in-law Kay (Scott) Brown, and brothers-in-law John (Karen) Neevel and Jeff (Kelly) Neevel, as well as nieces and nephews. She

was preceded in death by her brother, Steve Renkes. A memorial service will be held at 10:30, Saturday, December 30th at Fair Haven Ministries, 2900 Baldwin St. in Hudsonville, MI, 49426. Visitation will be 3:00 – 5:00 and 6:30 – 8:00 on Friday, December 29th at Fair Haven. Rev. Dr. Dennis Voskuil and Pastor Ben Peters will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Reformed Church in America's Disaster Response Fund, 4500 60th St. Grand Rapids, MI 49512 or Jamestown Harbor Church Children's Ministry, c/o Fair Haven Ministries, 2900 Baldwin St. in Hudsonville, MI, 49426. Arrangements are being handled by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home in Holland. [www.langelandsterenbergh.com](http://www.langelandsterenbergh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sara Neevel*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Though we had not seen each other in 30+ years, I was surprised and saddened when I read in News from Hope that Sara had passed. She was such a lovely and kind person you knew right away that she was a gem. Please accept my condolences. Jean HuntHope 81"*

**Jean Hunt** - May 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"We are so sorry to hear about Sara's passing. She always made my heart smile when I job shared with her at Haworth. She was a very special person and will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her diromg their life time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!"*

**Chuck and Nora Kole** - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"We are so sorry to hear of Sara's passing, so many sports memories with Holland High and in our neighborhood, miss you all being here and walking or driving by the house. You all have our prayers. Thanks Jamie, Ryan & Kelsey Morford"*

**Jamie Morford** - January 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DK

“Dear Ken, And family, We were so sorry to hear of Sara's passing. You have been in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort knowing that she is with our Heavenly Farher.”

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**Dave and Barb Kuiper** - January 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RB

“The words spoken by those who new her well are living testimonies to her life: a life of witness, love and leadership, exhibiting her faith and doing it with great joy. Our sympathy to Ken, Sara's daughters and grandchildren, Phil and Maisie, Dave and Ann, the Neevel family and extended family. She will be missed by all who knew her.”

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**Roger and Marla Buikema** - December 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DI

“We are saddened to hear of your loss and our hearts ache for all of you.”

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**Dick** - December 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AL

“Our prayers go out to the whole family.”

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**Audrey Lange** - December 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PK

“We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Sara. We have been praying for the family and will continue. I thank God for being able to have met her. She was truly a gift from God. Steve and Pat Kleis Trinity Reformed Church”

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**Pat Kleis** - December 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“Dear Ken, Kelli and Ali, Our hearts break for you! Sara was such a special woman filled with grace. Sweet Sara was a gift from God to all who knew and loved her. May God give you great comfort knowing she is eternally in His presence. We thank God for the gift He gave each of us who knew her. You are loved and cherished by so many in this extended community of Holland and Hudsonville. May you feel God's special grace at this time.”

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**Jim** - December 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PA

“Im so sorry for your lost mine prayers are with all the family.”

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**Pepi Allen** - December 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Ken and all in Neevel household - May Emmanuel grant comfort to you all. Ron Lokhorst”

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**A friend** - December 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LE

“Dear Ken and family, We will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers today and in the days ahead. We are sorry that we will not be able to gather with you for Sara's service, as we are with our daughter in CO. We pray for God's peace and comfort to flow over and through you.”

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**Lee** - December 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM