



Sharon Frances Blanksma

October 29, 1937 - February 10, 2025

Sharon Blanksma, age 87, of Holland, passed to God's glory on Monday, February 10, 2025.

Sharon was a graduate of the 1955 class at Ottawa Hills High School. She furthered her schooling at Butterworth School of Nursing and Brigham Young University where she completed her degree as a Nurse Practitioner. Sharon served as a nurse in many different capacities such as a camp nurse at Camp Blodgett, many years at Hope College as the Director of the Student Health Clinic and lastly spending 11 years running a mission clinic in Alale, Kenya. Sharon, together with her husband, Emery, traveled extensively with their family, friends and the church youth groups. She was a long time member of Fellowship Church and took pride in being an Elder and Youth Group Leader. Her life was dedicated to mission work which was shown through her work and private life.

Sharon was preceded in death by her husband, Emery, in 2021; brother, James TenElshof; parents, Francis and Ardith TenElshof; father and mother-in-law, Emery and Lottie Blanksma; and in-laws, Robert and Thelma Blanksma, Henry and Angie Blanksma, David and Sue Krebs, and Walter and Susan Blanksma.

Sharon is survived by her children, Laurie (Charlie) Snedeker, Michael

Blanksma, and Julie (Keith) Sauter; grandchildren, Samuel Snedeker (fiance Jenna Fulton), Leigh Ann Snedeker, Alexandra (Richard) Rogalla, and Zachary (Stephanie) Sauter; great grandchildren, Jackson Rogalla and Max Rogalla; sister, June (Michael) VanderVeen, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Fellowship Reformed Church, 2165 West Lakewood Blvd, Holland, with Rev. Nathaniel Schipper and Rev. James Baar officiating. A time of visitation and fellowship will follow the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Alale Program Support - Kenya at: <https://www.rca.org/give/alale-program-support-kenya/>

To leave a condolence message and for more information, please visit www.la-ngelandsterenberg.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellowship Reformed Church
2165 West Lakewood Blvd
Holland, MI

Visitation and Fellowship

MAR 6. 10:45 AM (ET)

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Holland, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Sharon Blanksma Funeral Service in memory of Sharon Frances Blanksma*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - March 08, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Sharon Frances Blanksma*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - March 03, 2025 at 02:38 PM

BC

“ *Bill and Anita Crawford planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sharon Frances Blanksma.*

Bill and Anita Crawford - March 05, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon Frances Blanksma.*



March 04, 2025 at 02:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon Frances Blanksma.*



March 02, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ *Julie and Keith,*

Wishing you and your family peace and strength during this time of bereavement. My deepest condolences.

*Qiana D. Harden
MEA*

Qiana Harden - February 19, 2025 at 10:04 AM



May the Amighty God be with you during this difficult time.

Benedict pkatey - March 02, 2025 at 03:16 PM

FC

“ My condolences to Laurie, Mike, Julie and their families. Sharon and Emery certainly lived their faith, at home and in the far corners of the world. The memories of the fun times we had together at Camp Blodgett will remain with me forever and always bring a smile to my face.

Fritz Crabb - February 15, 2025 at 07:07 PM

BM

I met Sharon when she & I were hired by Hope College to work as RN's in the Health Clinic. We became co workers & friends & had many fun times together caring for students who came in for physical issues, but also needing a listening ear. Many good memories!

Beverly Mulder - February 16, 2025 at 04:30 PM