



Stanley Koster

September 25, 1934 - February 22, 2019

Stanley J. Koster, 84, of Holland, passed away Friday, February 22, 2019 at the Inn at Freedom Village. Born in McBain, MI, Stan taught at Northern Michigan Christian School, Grand Rapids Christian School and Trinity Christian College. He also served as the Superintendent of Holland Christian Schools from 1978 until his retirement in 1997. After retirement, Stan took on the role of Coaching Coordinator for the Christian Reformed Church, serving as a guide to many pastors, church councils and congregations. Throughout his life, Stan was a treasured mentor to many. Stan was a member of Bethany Christian Reformed Church and served in the US Army during the Korean War. Stan is survived by his: Wife of 64 years, Marjorie Koster Children Pamela Koster & Mindy Hale of Sante Fe, NM Kurt (Joyce) Koster of Crown Point, IN Steve (Mary) Koster of Holland Grandchildren Jorie Koster-Hale Nicholas (Sarah) Koster Katie (Brian) O'Neill Brad (Sammi) Jensen Matthew Koster Erin Koster Annaka Koster Great Grandsons Will O'Neill Lincoln Jensen Sister

Eldyne Richardson of Carmel, IN Memorial services are planned for 11:00am Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Bethany Christian Reformed Church, 11 E 32nd St, Holland with Pastor Dan Walcott officiating. Burial will be in Aetna Cemetery in Missaukee County, MI. Visitation is scheduled for 1:00-3:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm on Monday, February 25 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E 16th St., Holland. Memorial contributions may be made to Northern Christian Schools in McBain and Holland Christian Schools.

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Stanley Koster*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Stanley Koster*

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“ *"A wonderful man of faith and love! We send our love to his family. Being in Mexico, we only just a month later read this news. He was a good example for us! May the Lord increase our faith."*

Zachary Anderson - March 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Peculiar as it may seem, I wanted to study Reformed Doctrine when I was 17. They didn't teach that at McBain Public School, so I transferred over to McBain Christian and enjoyed my first semester there by taking Reformed Doctrine with "Mr. Koster." The second semester was just as enjoyable as I took the Human Physiology class Stan taught. He was a model Christian and concerned teacher who always offered good advice to us young people."*

Bob Meyering - February 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RS

“When I think of Stan, I am reminded of Philippians 2 vs 3 where Paul admonishes the church to be "humble, thinking of other as better than yourself." That is the way Stan lived, worked, and treated his friends and colleagues. I treasure the memories we shared. I benefited from his leadership and modeling of what a true Christian school administrator could and should be. He will be greatly missed. My sympathies to you Marge, and your family. May God continue to bless you and yours richly.”

Roger Sikkenga - February 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BH

“Hi Marge; So sorry we can't be with you at this time to give you our condolences in person! May you be comforted with the knowledge that Stan is now in his heavenly home! Loving prayers are given for your comfort and peace. We will talk more later ! Love Bev and Wayne Hop”

Beverly Hop - February 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LC

“The Luse Companies would like to send their condolences to Kurt, Joyce and their family during this time of loss. Our hearts and prayers are extended to you. We have made a contribution to Holland Christian Schools in your father's honor. May God bless you during this time.”

Luse Companies - February 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Steve, I was sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My condolences to you and your family. You, your mother, siblings, and entire family will be in my thoughts and prayers. While mourning your loss, this is a special opportunity to reflect and celebrate his life and his legacy. Denise & Doug Fischer (ERM)”

A friend - February 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DV

“My sympathies to the Koster family. Stan, or "Mr. Koster", was my McBain Christian high school teacher. I have fond memories of his Biology, Bible, even Latin classes, and playing for him when he was a basketball coach. More recently we enjoyed him as a Coach for the Healthy Church Program at our church. We will miss him. He was an example and inspiration to us all for many years. Dennis Vennema
Muskegon”

Dennis Vennema - February 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JE

“Stan grew up just a couple miles from us down the road toward Mc Bain. He was a gifted, humble servant leader who honored his roots and returned to enrich the community. His departure is a loss to many. Our condolences to you, Marge, and to your family. Sy and Jan”

Jan Ellens - February 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RE

“May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.”

Robert Ebels - February 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GG

“Dear Marge & Family, Seems like messages aren't going through from California! Stan was an 'Administrator-Mentor' to me, and I remember him as one who was knowledgeable, compassionate, friendly, and always-ready to help where he could. He was always well respected among us administrators! Last time that I saw him was at the ACSA meeting we had at Calvin of all of the retired administrators! Betty says that she remembers Marge from being in her sister, Margie's, class!! We send our sincere sympathies and will remember you all especially during this difficult week and those that lie ahead. Praying for your SHALOM! Love ... George & Betty”

George Groen - February 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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GS

“Marg and Family. So sorry to hear about Stan. I would like to come to the visitation and funeral but the weather isn't cooperating. We have no church today due to ice on the roads. Have many good memories of you and Stan. Saturday morning breakfast at Duane's and visiting you in Holland. My sympathy on these difficult days. Thinking of and praying for you.”

Gerald Schepers - February 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KK

“*Stan was a great model of the servant leader. He took his role of following the Christ model of leadership very seriously and did it well. In our current culture of leadership, to say someone is a leader and a good person in the same breathe, is unusual. Stan was a leader and a good person. His model of being humble in his role left an impression on many. We reach out to the family and Marge especially at this time. Ken and Alida Kuipers*”

Ken and Kuipers - February 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DB

“*Stan was a dear friend, mentor, and great example of faith lived out well. We will miss him so much, but celebrate his victory now and his life of leadership and service to the Lord.*”

Dan and Sheryl Beerens - February 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DN

“*Stan was a fine, decent man. He served with distinction at Holland Christian Schools. I always valued his deep faith and commitment to all students.*”

David Neifer - February 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*I truly appreciated his leadership when I was a teacher at Holland Christian. He was always quick with a smile and a positive comment. My condolences.*”

A friend - February 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LY

“*Our prayers are with you Marge and family. We have many good memories of our work together.*”

Lyle - February 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JV

“I'm thankful for the positive influence Mr. Koster was in my high school years at Northern Michigan Christian School.”

Jerry VanHouten - February 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ST

“I'm feeling so sad for you. I have good memories him from NMCH. A great teacher and mentor.”

Sharon VandePol Trumpie - February 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM