



## Steven E. DeRidder

November 23, 1953 - December 11, 2021

Steven DeRidder, age 68, of Holland, passed away Saturday, December 11, 2021 at his home, following a battle with cancer. Steve was born on November 23, 1953 to the late Dr. Richard and Adrianna DeRidder. As the son of a pastor/missionary he grew up in Sri Lanka (Ceylon), Muskegon, Michigan, Sioux Center, Iowa, and Silver Spring, Maryland. He attended Dordt University where he met Joyce, his wife of 48 years. Steve was a long-time employee of Hope College, retiring in 2003 to pursue his interests in IT and woodworking. He also volunteered regularly for local and national groups doing disaster relief and building programs. Steve was a member of Maplewood Reformed Church. Steve is survived by his: Wife

Joyce DeRidder Daughter

Kristin (Adam) Telsey of Woodstown, NJ Grandsons

Sam Telsey

Alex Telsey Siblings

Sharon (George) Haga of Ada, MI

Mary White of Rockford, MI

David (Gladys) DeRidder of Denver, CO

Judy Flietstra of Albuquerque, NM Many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Visitation is scheduled for 11:00am-12:30pm Saturday,

December 18 at Maplewood Reformed Church, 133 E 34th St., Holland. A celebration of life service will follow at 1:00pm. Rev. David DeRidder and Rev. Douglas Bretschneider will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to

Audio Scripture Ministries and Habitat for Humanity. The DeRidder family requests that you please practice social distancing and wear a mask if not vaccinated. Arrangements are by Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home and condolence messages may be left online at [www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Steven E. DeRidder

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"A plaque given to the family when my wife Alice died said Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear. I wanted to share this in hopes it will be as comforting to you as it has been for me. My deepest sympathies."*

Nick Ellerbroek - December 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Joyce and Kirstin, you have our sympathy. We've been praying for your family ever since we found out Steve was sick. Mike and Sue Dalman"*

Mike Dalman - December 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Joyce, I was so very sorry to learn of Steve's death from a Hope colleague. How we all loved him! He was such a generous, warm, kind, self-giving person who was eager to help us in any way. He was a true team member in our educational mission, and we missed him after his retirement. I'm unsurprised that in his "retirement" he continued to be a self-giving person in varied ways--a model of authentic faith in action. I also know from conversations with Steve how much you both loved your daughter Kristin, and how he enjoyed trips to NJ to visit her and her family, of which he was proud. May wonderful memories of his kind and generous and joyful spirit in time begin to fill the great hole left by his absence."*

David Myers - December 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM