



Terry Lee Derks

February 13, 1943 - December 30, 2024

Terry Derks, age 81, passed away on Monday, December 30, 2024.

Terry served in the Navy from 1963-1965 and the reserves from 1961-1968. He was a long-time employee of Pfizer. He was invested and engaged in his community through Ottawa County Fair Board, volunteer fireman for 30+ years, Hope College bus driver, Bibles for Mexico, and Africa's Child. He had an adventurous spirit and loved to travel with friends and family. He had genuine pride in his family. In the midst of it all - Faith and family were his priorities. He was loved and will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Derks; daughter, Jodi and Karl Keuning; daughter, Jill Hentemann; grandchildren, Layne and Adam Hayes (Emma, Reighlee), Jaycob Keuning (Elaina McClanahan), Dominic Hentemann, Gabriella Hentemann, Ingrid Hentemann; brother, Robert and Renna Derks; sister, Mary Derks Zeerip; sister-in-law, Betty and Larry Sternberg; brother-in-law, Tadd and Holly Sprick; nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Visitation with the family is 5:00-7:00 pm on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland, MI 49423.

Memorial services are at 11:00 am on Friday, January 10, 2025, at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Rd. Holland, MI 40423 in the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Terry's honor may be given to www.encompassKids.org or by mail to encompassKids, 430 E 8th Street #257, Holland, MI 49423 or Corewell Health Foundation Hospice at www.corewellhealth.org/foundation/west/donate designate "Hospice" or by mail to Corewell Health Foundation West Michigan, 25 Michigan, suite 4100, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

www.langelandsterenberg.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 East 16th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Memorial Service

JAN **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Memorial Church
595 Graafschap Road
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Terry Lee Derks*



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



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terry Lee Derks.*



January 09, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Terry Lee Derks.*

January 09, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ *Terry was a very special friend. From when we double-dated with Sandy and Judy in those high school years, then getting married and having families our friendship never faulted. A great man with tremendous talents. He was always willing to help whenever he was asked. We loved Terry and will truly miss him. Ed & Judy Bosch*

Edward Bosch - January 09, 2025 at 01:37 PM

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“ Terry was a very special person, he was there with his support for everyone who needed it. He was a hard working man who loved his family with all his heart. He was a good friend and I was proud to serve with him on The Ottawa County Fair Board and the Holland Township Fire Department. He will be missed my many.

Lynn and Carol Petre - January 06, 2025 at 09:45 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Terry Lee Derks.



January 06, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Terry Lee Derks.



January 06, 2025 at 09:57 AM

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“ I remember my first year on the Ottawa County Fair board. Terry was so supportive and helpful. A very special guy!

Laura Cramer - January 03, 2025 at 04:17 PM