



Thelma Eileen Machiela

June 12, 1937 - February 18, 2026

Thelma Eileen (VanZoeren) Machiela, age 88, of Holland, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2026.

Thelma was born in Zeeland, MI on June 12, 1937, to Richard and Margaret VanZoeren. Thelma was employed in various data processing jobs and volunteered in many community organizations. She was an active member of Christ Memorial Church and especially enjoyed singing in the choir and being a part of the quilting group.

Thelma was a devoted wife and mother. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. and she will be deeply missed.

Thelma is survived by her husband, Norm Machiela; her sons: Craig & Charity Machiela, Troy & Dawn Machiela, Lance & Jennifer Machiela; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; siblings: Keith (Ann) VanZoeren, Judy Hardy, Diane (Kurt) Lower; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law, Max and Jeanne VanZoeren, and brother-in-law, Chip Hardy.

A memorial service will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 6, 2026, in the Chapel at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Rd, Holland, MI 49423.

Visitation prior to the service on Friday will begin at 10:00 AM. Memorial contributions in Thelma's name may be given to Benjamin's Hope.

The Machiela family is being served by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland, MI 49423. To leave condolences online, please visit [www. langelandsterebergh.com](http://www.langelandsterebergh.com).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Memorial Church
595 Graafschap Rd
Holland, MI 49423

Memorial Service

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Memorial Service Livestream

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<https://www.youtube.com/live/znU29YOk7RM>

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Thelma Machiela funeral service in memory of Thelma Eileen Machiela*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - March 07 at 09:31 AM

CH

“ *Chad and Jennifer, Trent,Clay Hardy purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Thelma Eileen Machiela.*



Chad and Jennifer, Trent,Clay Hardy - March 03 at 07:11 AM

CH

“ *Chad and Jennifer, Trent,Clay Hardy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thelma Eileen Machiela.*

Chad and Jennifer, Trent,Clay Hardy - March 03 at 07:11 AM

GS

“ *Sorry for your loss. Thelma will be missed. So many great memories growing up at your pool and around your house - she was always so warm and welcoming.*

Greg Schrotenboer - February 25 at 05:40 PM

RB

“ *Thelma was one of my cherished friend from ZHS for over 70 + years. Precious memories from high school and Christ Memorial choir. A very special friend in so many ways through out our lives..she will be missed in so many ways. Rose Bush*


Rose Marie M. Bush - February 22 at 01:36 PM

KL

“ *Paul and I attended church with Norm and Thelma at Christ Memorial. I also sang with her in the church choir and exercised with her at Evergreen Commons . I will miss her smile and laugh. Prayers Norm and the family. Paul and Kathy Lubbers*

Kathy Lubbers - February 20 at 04:04 PM

KK

Thelma was my sister Peggy's best friend from Zeeland High School. She always kept in touch with me which I always appreciated. My love and thoughts go out to Norm and Thelma's Van Zoeren family ❤️🐱🙏


Kitty Kole - March 14 at 04:18 PM

RD

“ *Thelma and I enjoyed many good conversations going to quilting and back. I will miss her wisdom and laugh. Our thought and prayers are with you, Norm and family.*

Ruth Dreyer - February 20 at 12:41 PM

KK

I worked with Thelma and Norm at MTA Travel years back and always enjoyed her Joy and Spunk and Norm's humor. Prayers for Peace and Comfort for Norm and the family. She will be missed.

Karen S Kamphuis - February 27 at 05:36 PM