



## Theodore Adam Kok

April 6, 1983 - October 26, 2025

Theodore Adam Kok, 42, of Zeeland, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 26, 2025, after a three-year battle with brain cancer.

Theo was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on April 6, 1983, to Carl and Sally (Kalmink) Kok. He was the oldest of three Kok children. Theo attended Zeeland Christian and graduated from Holland Christian High School in 2001. He became a professional truck driver and drove for 17 years, for Empire and InOnTime. Theo was very proud to serve as a Zeeland Township Firefighter for many years. Theo's personality lended itself nicely to teach. He was a driving instructor at the trucking firm where he worked and was also a mentor and firefighter instructor at the fire academy. He married the love of his life, Heather Kelsey, on October 27, 2010. Theo's family also generously donated his corneas at his passing to give the gift of sight to someone who needs it.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Heather, daughter Jacqueline, mother Sally Kok, parents in law Brian and Mary Kelsey, Theo's siblings and their children: Ben and Leslie Kok (Carsten), Abby and Chris Wolters (Cole, Mia); Heather's siblings and their children: Amanda and Justin Wisniewski, Bethany Franklin, Ryan and Kayte Kelsey (Taylor, Noah); and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family and friends. Theo was preceded in death by his father Carl Kok on February 1, 2025.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm, Friday, October 31, 2025, at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 pm, Thursday at Yntema's, and also 12:00-12:45 pm, Friday prior to the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to Shields of Hope.

[www.yntemafh.com](http://www.yntemafh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home  
251 S State St  
Zeeland , MI 49464  
(616) 772-2173  
info@yntemafh.com  
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home  
251 S State St  
Zeeland , MI 49464  
(616) 772-2173  
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## Visitation

OCT **31**. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

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Zeeland , MI 49464  
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## Funeral

OCT **31**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home

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Zeeland , MI 49464

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# Tribute Wall

TG

“ *The Schut's and Geurink's purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Theodore Adam Kok.*



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**The Schut's and Geurink's** - October 30, 2025 at 09:08 AM

LC

“ *Dear Heather & Jacqueline...  
I am so sorry for your loss of such a special husband & father...  
You both have a large supportive family that will surround you with  
love & care.  
Sending my love & strength to both of you...  
With Love.....Linda Cloud*

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**Linda Cloud** - October 29, 2025 at 10:55 PM



“ *I met Theo while he was volunteering at Ottawa county jail through Reach The Forgotten ministry. I was struck by his passion and determination to go and share Jesus with others-even while he was physically suffering. What a great example of living for God !*

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**Leanne Jacobsen** - October 29, 2025 at 06:12 PM

MV

“ *Mike & Melissa Veldheer purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Theodore Adam Kok.*



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**Mike & Melissa Veldheer** - October 28, 2025 at 09:24 PM

KA

“ Heather, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts.

Kate and Cody Andresiak - October 28, 2025 at 05:26 PM

MF

“ Miller Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Theodore Adam Kok.



Miller Family - October 28, 2025 at 02:21 PM

TF

“ The Lemmer Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Theodore Adam Kok.



The Lemmer Family - October 28, 2025 at 07:34 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. I worked with Theo at Inontime and had great respect for him as a teammate. We had many talks about truck driving & about fire related things. He was a great guy and friend. I'm sorry we can't attend the visitation and funeral because we are still in Florida.

Jason Wolters - October 27, 2025 at 09:52 PM

KF

“ Kik Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Theodore Adam Kok.



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**Kik Family** - October 27, 2025 at 06:52 PM

KF

“ Kik Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore Adam Kok.

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**Kik Family** - October 27, 2025 at 06:52 PM

JJ

“ Jon, Katie, Joely, and Jesse Juros purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Theodore Adam Kok.



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**Jon, Katie, Joely, and Jesse Juros** - October 27, 2025 at 05:50 PM