



Thomas J. De Vries

December 3, 1938 - December 7, 2017

Thomas J. De Vries, age 79, of Holland, died Thursday, December 7, 2017. Tom passed away surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Walter De Vries and Bill De Vries; and in-laws Marilyn De Vries and Howard & Dorothy Pieper. Tom was self-employed owner operator of Ottawa Brush and Chemical. He was a member of Christ Memorial Church. Tom was also a long time cottage owner on Big Star Lake, where he enjoyed both summers and winters with his children, grandchildren, and friends. After retirement, winters were enjoyed amongst friends in Sebring, FL. Tom is survived by his wife of 59 years, Evelyn; children, Scott and Paula De Vries of Saugatuck, Jodi and Neal Dalman of Holland, Kim and Brian Memberto of Holland; 7 grandchildren, Abbey and Rob DeWeerd, Spencer and Taylor De Vries, Jeremy and Linnea Dalman, Kelli and Rob Velderman, Ben Dalman, Elle Memberto and fiancée Greg Merrill, Olivia Memberto and fiancée Tycen Kooiker; 6 great grandchildren; in-laws, Lois De Vries of Holland, Marcia and Dale Haverdink of Hamilton. A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 20, 2017 in the chapel of Christ Memorial Church (entrances D&E), 595 Graafschap Rd. Holland with Rev. Bill Boersma officiating. Burial is in Graafschap Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, December 19, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland. Memorial contributions may be given to Holland Christian Schools or Hospice of Holland. www.langelandsterenbergh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Thomas J. De Vries

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Dear Evelyn & Family, I am Judy Sprik, cousin of Evelyn & youngest daughter of Andrew Baker. I, along with my husband Ron express our sincere sympathy in your loss. You have been in our prayers. May you find comfort in knowing Tom is with the Lord as well as in memories of your lives together with him on earth. May you know the presence of the Lord as you go forward with decisions and adjustments in your lives. Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."*

Judy Sprik - January 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Ev so sorry for your loss. Great memories of you and Tom years ago at Family Fare. He was a great guy to talk to and he always had great advice to give if needed. Some great stories to tell as well. My prayer is that you and your family may have the PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING and that GOD'S GRACE will be felt. May God bless you and keep you. In Christ Dale Bronsink"*

Dale Bronsink - December 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Ev and family, we have been thinking about you and your family often . Sending deepest sympathies, you are in our thoughts and prayers"*

Nicole Cargan - December 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Evelyn & family, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I only met you a few times with some of the De Vries & Memberto get together, but I do remember your laugh & love of life. I have heard often over the years the when the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories to help us through the sad days. Just know that I am praying for you & all of your family. Hugs & Prayers. Shirley Karafa (Evelyn Herbert's sister)”

Shirley Karafa - December 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Dear Ev, so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I remember back to one magic summer when Tom and I were "best friends", picking blueberries in the mornings and spending the money in the afternoons. I believe he had a red convertible; do you remember that? And of course I remember the "good old days" in East Saugatuck too. They were good, right? Anyway, Tom was a great guy and friend. I look forward to catching up with him later and laughing over the good times we had. Blessings -Ron D and for Darlene too”

Ron Dykstra - December 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family as you grieve this loss. He always had an infectious smile which everyone will miss. We are sorry we won't be able to be at the memorial service. Rena and Arlo Compaan”

Rena and Arlo Compaan - December 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JD

“*Hey Grandpa. I know you are not in pain anymore but the pain of not hearing your voice and seeing you interact with Ryan, Gracelyn and Jon will hurt for awhile. The kids cant wait for you to look down on them while they play baseball. We miss you and love you!!!*”

Jeremy Dalman - December 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM