



## Thomas M Driesenga

January 19, 1948 - July 22, 2025

Thomas M. Driesenga, age 77, of Byron Center, passed away on July 22, 2025.

Tom was born on January 19, 1948, in Grand Rapids, to Morris and Gertrude Driesenga. After graduating from Calvin College, Tom went on to earn his master's in social work from Western Michigan University. His commitment to helping others found its calling as a mental health social worker at the VA, where he devoted himself to uplifting those who had served.

Tom was also a passionate sailor, capturing the spirit of adventure and freedom on the waters of the Great Lakes for over 45 years. After his retirement in 2003, he realized his dream of living aboard his boat with his beloved wife, Sheryl. Together, they navigated beautiful waters, making cherished memories along the eastern seaboard, around Florida and as far south as the Bahamas.

A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Tom was always eager to hear about his family's lives, consistently supporting their dreams and endeavors. He was deeply loved and will be deeply missed.

Tom is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sheryl Driesenga; children: Leslie & Marcus Wysocki, Derek & Joy Driesenga; grandsons: Camden, Maddux,

Ryne, Tyler, Keagan, Jacob and Leo; siblings: Jim & Mary Driesenga, Rev. Mary & Tim DeWitt; in-laws: Nancy Dykhuis, Laurie & Ed Schierbeek, Jeanne Huisman (Carl); as well as many nieces, nephews and cherished friends.

Funeral services will be at 12:00 PM on Monday, July 28, 2025, at Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland, MI 49423. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 PM on Sunday, July 27, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to American Kidney Fund (<https://www.kidneyfund.org/>).

To leave condolences online, please visit [www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas M Driesenga*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - January 30 at 11:52 AM



“ *Oh Sheryl, I am so sorry to hear of Tom's death. Sending hugs from New Mexico!*  
*Anne Hoekstra Assink*

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**Anne Hoekstra Assink** - August 04, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ *Harbour Tonwe Marina Association purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas M Driesenga.*



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**Harbour Tonwe Marina Association** - July 28, 2025 at 08:11 AM

DP

“ Tom and I volunteered together to be on the board of the Harbour Towne Marina Association. Through this connection we became friends. The board could always count on him to provide thoughtful advice which made our marina a nice place to keep a boat. Tom, you will surely be missed. RIP my friend.

*Dale and Sarita Parlin*

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**Dale and Sarita Parlin** - July 27, 2025 at 05:31 PM

MJ

“ Much Love, Brandi, Jason & Justin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas M Driesenga.



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**Much Love, Brandi, Jason & Justin** - July 27, 2025 at 11:50 AM

MJ

“ Much Love, Brandi, Jason & Justin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas M Driesenga.

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**Much Love, Brandi, Jason & Justin** - July 27, 2025 at 11:50 AM

MD

“ Michael Duke purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas M Driesenga.



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**Michael Duke** - July 25, 2025 at 10:10 PM

MD

“ Michael Duke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas M Driesenga.

Michael Duke - July 25, 2025 at 10:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas M Driesenga.



July 25, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas M Driesenga.

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DS

“ Sail on Sailor!

Deborah Streeter - July 25, 2025 at 11:34 AM

JH

“ Tom, our lives are richer for knowing you as a friend and fellow sailor. We will miss you and you'll forever be in our thoughts.

Jim Vander Hoek - July 25, 2025 at 08:07 AM

PK

“ Always remember feeling like the luckiest kids to be able to spend time with your family in Portage. Some of my best memories were spent with our young family. I always loved hearing your sailing adventure stories  
My prayers are with you Aunt Sheryl. And Les, and Derek. And your young families who will miss him.

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**Pam Kimber** - July 24, 2025 at 02:18 PM