



## Thomas "Tom" Hendrickson

January 29, 1941 - August 5, 2023

Thomas Anthony Hendrickson, age 82, peacefully passed away at his Holland, MI home on Saturday, August 5th, 2023. He joins his parents, Bertha and Elbert Hendrickson, and cherished brother, John Hendrickson.

Tom, known as "The Viper," will be remembered by his friends and family as a storyteller, a man of science, nature enthusiast, and intrepid explorer. His ability to identify pretty much any North American bird just by its call was remarkable. A masterful card player, he earned his nickname "The Viper" for his strategic and striking prowess. He greatly enjoyed walking the beaches of Lake Michigan, and effortlessly forging friendships. His captivating storytelling and flair for drama left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege to listen.

Born on January 29, 1941, in Orange, NJ, Tom led anything but an ordinary life. Graduating at top of his class from Beverly High School, he earned a Civil Engineering degree from Tufts University. His career as an engineer for Monsanto Corp took him across the nation, ultimately settling in Holland, MI in 1979. Tom's work at Elzinga & Volkers and Decker Construction contributed to West Michigan's skyline. His passions encompassed golf, exploration, and instilling his children with a sense of adventure. With a sharp knack for numbers and keen interest in financial markets, he immersed himself in tracking their fluctuations. His fascinations extended to weather phenomena, notably wildfires, following his tenure at the Monsanto Wildfire Retardant plant

in Ontario, CA. His unwavering commitment to family shone through as he went to all lengths to spend cherished moments with his children and grandchildren. Always actively embedded in his community, he contributed his time to the Macatawa River Greenway, served as president of the Michigan Audubon Society, played a pivotal role in launching soccer in Park Township, dedicated years to coaching and refereeing soccer, and generously devoted his time to the American Red Cross of Western Michigan.

Tom is survived by his four children: Holly (Paul) Llobet, J. Chris (Bethany) Hendrickson, Timothy (Allison) Hendrickson, Andrew Hendrickson, seven grandchildren, one great grandchild and former wife, Sharon Hendrickson. His love and presence will forever be cherished by those fortunate enough to have known him.

A celebration of his life will take place on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., preceded by visitation at 11:30 a.m., with refreshments following the service, all at the Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St., Holland. Inurnment will take place in Beverly Farms Cemetery in Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Outdoor Discovery Center of Holland (payable to ODC Network).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home  
315 E 16th St  
Holland, MI 49423  
(616) 392-2306  
info@langelandsterenberg.com  
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

## Celebration of Life

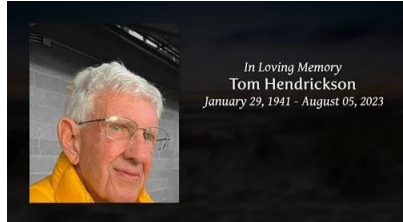
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas "Tom" Hendrickson*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - August 24, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ *Love you Opa,  
Thanks for instilling the sense of adventure in me.  
Wish Sage your great granddaughter could meet you one more time  
and know the love you had for her. I will give her this picture  
someday when she grows up.*

*You always made sure us grand kids felt special. I know you loved  
Sage too.*



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**Tyler Hendrickson** - August 16, 2023 at 09:31 PM

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“ I walked many laps at MVP Athletic Club with Tom. We shared many hugs and smiles and he was a joy to talk to. We shared many stories of our travels and our families. His love for his family was evident and my condolences to all of you. I was so sad to hear of his passing. I will miss seeing him here at MVP. Praying for you all.

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**Julie** - August 15, 2023 at 05:09 PM