



Reverend Thomas C. Vanden Heuvel

April 5, 1936 - July 7, 2021

Reverend Thomas C. Vanden Heuvel, age 85 of Holland, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Wednesday, July 7, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Laurie; his children: Geoffrey and Darlene Vanden Heuvel, Jane and Drew Jelgerhuis, Joel and Deb Vanden Heuvel, Jim and Ruth Vanden Heuvel, and Jon and Vicki Vanden Heuvel; 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren: his siblings: Mary and Jim Zuidema, and Bill and Marilyn Vanden Heuvel; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ron and Gert Van Putten. Reverend Vanden Heuvel was born to Reverend Christian and Anne Vanden Heuvel on April 5, 1936. He was preceded in death by his infant son, Daniel Lee Vanden Heuvel, his brother and his wife Reverend Henry and Nancy Vanden Heuvel, and his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Peter Van Putten, Mary Van Putten, and Allen and Sharon Van Putten. Reverend Vanden Heuvel served the following churches in his long career as a pastor: Bethel Christian Reformed Church (CRC), Waupun, WI, Brookfield CRC, Milwaukee, WI, Central Avenue CRC, Holland, MI, First CRC, Chino, CA, First CRC, Orange City, IA, First CRC, Byron Center, MI, Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA), Holland, MI, and Seventh Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI. Visitation will be 6-8 pm Monday, July 12, 2021, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland, and 9:15 am-10:45 am Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at Seventh Reformed Church, 950 Leonard Street NW, Grand Rapids with the funeral service to follow at 11 am. Interment will be in Garfield Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Compassionate Heart Ministries,

Providence Christian College, and Mid-America Seminary. www.langelandsterenberg.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Reverend Thomas C. Vanden Heuvel*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - July 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Reverend Thomas C. Vanden Heuvel*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"It was great to you about Rev. Thomas and his work through his daughter Jane. You have left a great legacy for this generation to follow the Lord come what may. May the God of comfort, comfort the bereaving family, friends and relatives."*

Rev - July 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TF

“Just learned of the passing of Pastor Vanden Heuvel. We were so blessed to get to know him and be under his care for a time as he was used greatly by the Lord to help plant Redeemer PCA in Traverse City. He spent so much time and labored tirelessly for our congregation. Our children loved him dearly also. He will always be remembered by our family as a passionate man of God who loves people and the Lord Jesus wholeheartedly. His fire for the Lord was contagious. Thank you so much for sharing him with us. Praying for you all.”

Tim and Monica Scott Family - July 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

HE

“Dear Laurie and Family: Sandy and I express our sincere Christian sympathy to you in Tom's passing. We have been praying for you during his long struggle with is health, and will continue to do so as you step forward into the future without him. Both of us had great respect for him as a faithful man of God who faithfully preached God's Word over the years. May God bless you richly in these days of sorrow in the assurance that he is now in the living presence of his Lord and Savior.”

Harlan Vanden Einde - July 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DM

“Dear Laurie, Jane, Joel, and the rest of the family. Our deepest condolences to you. Tom is one of the godliest men I've ever met, and has been a close mentor and friend since 2004. When you think about the legacy we are called to as Christians, and especially as Christian ministers, Tom has captured it. We will always remember Tom and miss him dearly until we meet again. Much love to you all!”

Dan Millward - July 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

WL

“*Learned over the weekend of the passing (going on ahead of us to be with the Lord) of my dear friend and fellow minister Tom Vanden Heuvel. Many, many fond memories and thoughts pass through my mind when I think of this wonderful man. Just one for now: what was said of that faithful man in the Scripture account of the early church named Barnabas could equally be said of Tom - "he encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith" He sure helped me to that end and my recollection of him will continue to do so. I look forward to seeing him again. May the good Lord be with, and greatly bless and comfort, his faithful and dear wife Laurie, his children, grandchildren, and great children especially tomorrow as well as in the future days and years of their earthly journey. Love, in Christ Jesus, Walter."*

Walter Lorenz - July 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“*Laurie and family, We extend our deepest sympathies to all of you in the heaven-going of a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, friend to so many and spiritual mentor. Tom truly was a blessing in Christ to so many people and especially to us in many ways. I often called upon him to install me in several ministries because I respected him so much. I am sure that he is rejoicing in Jesus's presence having heard His words, "Well done my good and faithful servant, enter into the kingdom prepared for you". What a joy he is experiencing and we will share it with him very soon as life is short. You are all truly loved. We will continue to pray for comfort and for strength day by day. Love, Bob and Cheryl Ritsema"*

Rev - July 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JF

“We are so very sorry for your loss we always enjoy his visits May God be with we in the days to come and may he rest in peace”

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DD

“Dear Laurie- You have my deepest sympathies in the passing away of Tom. I remember our Bible studies long ago when I was a hippie and a brand new Christian and being invited into your home for Sunday meals with all the little kids at the table. How fun was that! Tom taught me a lot from his life and from the Bible.”

Dewey Ducharme - July 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MY

“Our sympathy Laurie and family. We always appreciated the preaching from Rev. VandenHeuvel when he supplied our pulpit. Garnet and I fondly remember the other times we got to reminisce, and also back when I served on a publication committee with the VandenHeuvels.”

Myron - July 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PA

“Our sympathies go out to the family. May the God of all comfort supply you all with His strength. I first met Tom when he was my mentor for theological reflection during my year at Calvin seminary. It was a blessing to have him provide counsel and wisdom to this pastor to be. I've never forgotten his kindness. Later we served together on the Board of Reformed Fellowship while he was Editor. He served there to promote propagating the faith as well as defending it.”

Paul - July 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“Remembering your family in the recent passing of your husband, dad and grandfather.

My husband had Tom's Dad for a pastor growing up as a young boy at Wyoming Immanuel CRC. We knew several of Toms siblings. Later our paths crossed again when Jim and Ruth taught at Sully Christian. May you experience God's peace in your grief and need. Our prayers and Christian sympathy are with you all.

Rev Joseph - July 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MB

“Drew and Jane; My sympathy to you in the loss of your Father. May God give you and your family Peace and Comfort you.”

Marcia Tenh Broeke - July 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the family. Nothing is harder than saying good-by to someone we love. May you find comfort in your loving memories.

Norm & Bonnie Vredeveld Covenant PCA

Norm - July 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SS

“We send our deepest sympathy to you Laurie and your whole family. We so enjoyed him as our pastor in First CRC of Orange City. He was a Godly man no one will forget.

Sending our love Steve and Sharon Wassenaar Spoelstra

Sharon Spoelstra - July 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CP

“*My condolences to you all. May God grant you peace as you say goodbye*”

Carol Prummel - July 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM