



Warren Jay DeVries

July 8, 1933 - May 7, 2024

Warren J. DeVries, 90, of Holland peacefully passed into the loving arms of his Lord in Holland on 7 May 2024.

Warren was born July 8, 1933, to Jacob and Vera (LaHuis) DeVries. He graduated from Holland Christian High School in 1951. Upon completion of military service in the U.S. Army in 1955, Warren's career began in technology and computer science applications, mostly within the banking industry. He married Marjorie Guichelaar in 1956 and they raised their three children in Zeeland. Marjorie preceded him in death in 1996. Upon retirement in 1997, he then volunteered at His Harvest Stand in Zeeland until 2015. His faith life over the last 20 plus years was primarily with his loving friend Mardi Weerstra and the 14th Street CRC in Holland.

Warren is survived by his dear and faithful friend Mardi Weerstra and her children and grandchildren; his children: Barbara & David Sharrow of Montrose, CO and daughter Acacia Sharrow; David DeVries of Holland and daughters Melissa & John Blair (John Jr), Sarah & Eric Stephenson (Griffin, William), Megan & Ralph Hansel; and Eric & Jennifer DeVries of Zeeland and daughters Jessica DeVries, Stephanie DeVries. Additionally, he is survived by brother Paul & Alma DeVries of Zeeland and Sister-in-law Donna DeVries of Grand Rapids and extended family members.

A celebration service in honor of Warren De Vries will be held at 11:00am Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. Visiting hours will be 10:00-10:45 am, followed by a Service and Military Honors also at Yntema Funeral Home. Private interment will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Holland. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Autism Alliance of Michigan (<https://autismallianceofmichigan.org>)

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Gardens

994 Paw Paw Dr
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 396-4949

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Celebration Service

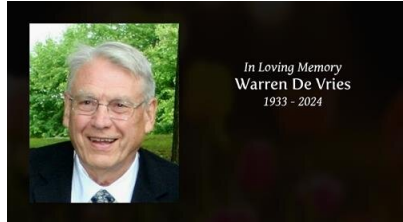
MAY 15. 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Warren Jay DeVries*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - May 14, 2024 at 03:05 PM

XT

*I catch the pattern
Of your silence
Before you speak*

*I do not need
To hear a word*

*In your silence
Every tone I seek
Is heard.*

This poem expresses my sentiment toward Mr DeVries.

*Dear Dad DeVries,
I want to thank you for the many moments we had together reading scripture, praying, singing our favorite hymns and sharing our thoughts with one another.*

You were a man of God, and it was the power of your presence in my life that touched me deeply.

I count it as a privilege to have met you. And as we wait for the Lord to call us all home to Him, until then, you will be greatly missed!

*With love,
Xinia Tobias*

Xinia Tobias - May 15, 2024 at 03:05 PM

PD

“ *My oldest brother, Warren, left for Glory after several years of diminished health. We saw him go from walking, to wheelchair assistance, to hands on the wheels to get where he wanted to go, to complete help with others pushing and assisting. We could feel a bit of helplessness in his voice. Warren was a quiet person and yet all there when we visited. A couple of weeks ago he commented that he was afraid to go to sleep....that he would awake again. I said the alterative is not being with us, but with His Saviour. We will miss you Warren.*

Paul Gene DeVries - May 14, 2024 at 04:51 PM

ME

“ *I thought I was ready but today is hard. Yesterday I was at peace knowing you found peace and relief from the world. Today I let me grief wash over me and I recall all my memories and I smile through my tears.*



I will miss your whole body shakes laughter, the way your smile always brightened my day and the room. I miss the bike rides and ice cream and mini golf with all your granddaughters. Trips to beach, watching you garden, eating your jams and visiting and telling you stories. Oh and the Tang and buttermilk which I never came to appreciate.

Thanks for always offering simple words of how could help when I was overwhelmed with parenting and learning about Autism. You didn't always know but you would listen. You didn't always say much but you always listened. Your kindness and support of others. Your Faith and belief.

I continue your words to all that I met that they must "give your tastebuds an adventure!" I miss the smell of your house and the old upstairs that smelled of memories and held in the humidity and heat but was scary and cool in epic Michigan thunderstorm.

I know your watching over me and I will see you again. Hug Grandma and say hi to the others and maybe you'll met my other grandpa and grandma and watch over us all with laughter and smiles. One last hug. I love you.

Melissa - May 14, 2024 at 09:27 AM

AB

“ Warren & Marge were my adopted grandparents. They gladly stepped into the role back in 1974 when I was born because all my biological grandparents had passed away. Warren & Marge were my parents ACT (Active Christian Teenager) leaders and I couldn't imagine better grandparents. The smell of grandma's cooking when you walked in the door and WFUR on the radio with grandma singing along. Grandpa was normally in the garden out back, tending his indoor plants (I now have several jade plants in honor of Grandpa) or in the den watching the news if it was just before dinner. Yes, the upstairs had a unique aroma likely comprised from David, Eric, and Barb over the years. I remember the old orange Subaru... Grandpa and Grandma would take us for a ride in "Subie" to get ice cream. Walking the streets downtown was always frustrating for me as a kid because it seemed that EVERYONE knew my grandparents and grandma wanted to talk to each and every one...I just wanted to get to the ice cream shop 😊. I remember many long talks with both of them when I had questions about my faith and the love and patience that they both showed. Even after Grandma passed away Grandpa continued the communication and sent out his birthday letters and his annual year update letter to keep us informed of what was happening in Zeeland on 104th and beyond. I still drive by the house and memories flood every time. Thank you Warren (and Marge) for being such incredible grandparents. Love you and miss you both, but the thought of you two being in Heaven together again and singing for joy takes all the pain away ❤️

Andy Bergman - May 12, 2024 at 01:16 AM