



Wesley Jay Vander Lugt

July 20, 1955 - March 29, 2026

Wes' funeral service will be live streamed and can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0c2xaD2qOerxAa93Qw0gwg>

Wesley Jay Vander Lugt, 70, of Zeeland, Michigan, met his Heavenly Father on March 29, 2026. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Catherine Vander Lugt; and his younger brother, Dale.

Wes is survived by his loving wife, Denise Vander Lugt; his children: Abbie (Andrew) Woudwyk, parents of Easton and Brayla; Jordan (Martha) Vander Lugt, parents of Luna and Leon; Breanne (Chad) Heeter, parents of Noah and Beau Wesley; Jacob (Stephanie) Vander Lugt, parents of Everly and a baby girl expected soon; Caleb Vander Lugt and his fiancée, Katie Porter; and Madison (Hunter) Bachman. His sisters Linda Vander Lugt, Nancee (Dave) Kraker, Beverly (Scott) Launiere, and Lorraine Vander Lugt. Denise's siblings, the late Duane Vanden Bosch, Diane (Robert) Friesema, Daryl (the late Debra) Vanden Bosch, Deb (Mike) DeVries and many nieces and nephews he loved dearly.

Wes grew up in Allendale, Michigan. At the age of 23, he began his career at Herman Miller, and at the age of 27, he met his beautiful wife, Denise. Over nearly 43 years, they raised six children, faithfully sending each of them to Christian school and supporting them through life's happiest and most

challenging moments, exemplifying how to love God and love others.

In 2019, Wes retired from Herman Miller after 41 years of dedicated service. His retirement was joyfully spent supporting his church family through his continued service as an Elder and Cadet Counselor. He delighted in volunteering at Hungry for Christ, making memories with his beloved grandchildren, and going on adventures with his wife, Denise. Wes' servant's heart touched countless lives and left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him.

Within the last month, Wes' diagnosis and battle with pancreatic cancer shocked and devastated those who love him. His family is deeply grateful for the quality time they were able to share in his final weeks. Wes' pain and suffering ended when his Savior, Jesus Christ, welcomed him home on this Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026.

Wes' visitation will be held at Yntema funeral home on Wednesday, April 1st from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. His Celebration of Life will be at First Christian Reformed Church in Zeeland on Thursday, April 2nd, at 11:00 am. Refreshments will be available after the service in the church's fellowship room. Memorial contributions may be given to Hungry for Christ <https://www.hungryforchrist.org/s-projects-side-by-side> www.yntemafh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 S State St
Zeeland , MI 49464
(616) 772-2173
info@yntemafh.com
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

Funeral Service

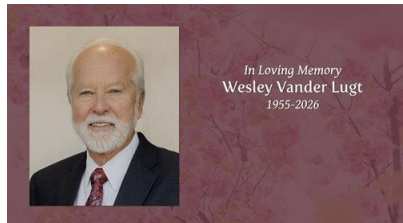
APR 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Christian Reformed Church
15 South Church St.
Zeeland, MI 49464

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - April 01 at 08:56 AM

BC

“ *To Denise and the whole Vander Lugt family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you during this difficult time. I have lots of wonderful memories of Pickerel Lake and the good times we had there. I will always remember Wes, Denise and all the Vander Lugts very fondly. Take care of yourselves. My prayers are with you.*

Beth Coleman - April 03 at 09:06 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.*



April 01 at 03:17 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.*

April 01 at 03:17 PM

LK

“ Love always, Andy & Cara Kamphuis purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.



Love always, Andy & Cara Kamphuis - April 01 at 12:09 PM

PF

“ Proffitt, Woodson and Farrington Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.



Proffitt, Woodson and Farrington Family - April 01 at 10:00 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.



March 31 at 04:59 PM

BB

“ Bev's In-Laws (John Tim Julie Amy Beth) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.



Bev's In-Laws (John Tim Julie Amy Beth) - March 31 at 02:43 PM

BB

“ *Bev's In-Laws (John Tim Julie Amy Beth) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.*

Bev's In-Laws (John Tim Julie Amy Beth) - March 31 at 02:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.*



March 31 at 01:36 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.*

March 31 at 01:36 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.*



March 31 at 10:01 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.*



March 31 at 09:39 AM



“ *Bruce & Deb DeYoung and Family purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.*



Bruce & Deb DeYoung and Family - March 31 at 07:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.*



March 30 at 09:32 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.*

March 30 at 09:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.



March 30 at 07:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.

March 30 at 07:34 PM



“ Demetra and Paul Gerrish purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.



Demetra and Paul Gerrish - March 30 at 07:23 PM



“ Demetra and Paul Gerrish planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.

Demetra and Paul Gerrish - March 30 at 07:23 PM

PG

“ Pat Gerrish purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.



Pat Gerrish - March 30 at 07:20 PM

PG

“ Pat Gerrish planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.

Pat Gerrish - March 30 at 07:20 PM

AF

“ All our love, the Woudwyk Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.



All our love, the Woudwyk Family - March 30 at 07:06 PM

NJ

“ Neil J. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.



Neil J. - March 30 at 06:54 PM

NJ

“ Neil J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.

Neil J. - March 30 at 06:54 PM

WS

“ With love, Matt, Rachael, & Mia Shelton purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Wesley Jay Vander Lugt.



With love, Matt, Rachael, & Mia Shelton - March 30 at 06:53 PM