



William Lee "Bill" Palmbos

August 10, 1948 - July 7, 2025

William Lee "Bill" Palmbos, 76, of Zeeland, passed away on Monday July 7, 2025.

Bill was born August 10, 1948, in Zeeland, Michigan, to Justin and Virginia (Barnes) Palmbos. He graduated from Zeeland High School and then served his country in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 1968-1970. He married Pamela Pluister on August 20, 1970. Bill worked at Walters Gardens for 43 1/2 years until his retirement in 2015. Bill and Pam are long time members of First Reformed Church of Zeeland. Bill was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law Pam and John Meyer.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Pam, their children: William Palmbos Jr. and fiancé Kelly, Amanda and Derek Westerlund, Randy and Rachel Palmbos; grandchildren: Samantha, Brandon, Andrew, Pierce, Brooks, Abel, Silas, Lucas, Alexandria; great-grandchildren: Liberty and Kora; siblings: Richard and Jan Palmbos, Wanda and Curt Van Noord, Don and Pat Palmbos; in-laws: Laurie Ten Harmsel, Linda and Scott Brouwer, Randy and Laura Pluister, Tim and Sue Pluister, Nancy and Mike Morren, and many extended family members.

A funeral service with military honors will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, July 12, 2025, at First Reformed Church, 125 East Lincoln Ave., Zeeland MI

49464. Visiting hours will be 4:00-6:30 PM, Friday, at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. Interment will be in West Drenthe Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Gentiva Hospice or Disabled American Veteran's (DAV), 1185 Matt Urban Drive, Holland MI 49423.

Cemetery Details

West Drenthe Cemetery

862 78th Avenue
Zeeland, MI 49464

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Reformed Church of Zeeland
125 E. Lincoln Ave.
Zeeland , MI 49464

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Austin, Kim, Chloe, Olivia and Rob, Sand purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Lee "Bill" Palmbos.



Austin, Kim, Chloe, Olivia and Rob, Sand - July 09, 2025 at 02:11 PM

MV

“ Oh Pam, I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. You will be in my prayers. It is so hard to lose someone that you love but just remember that you WILL see him again. Mary (Stegenga) Velderman

Mary Anne Velderman - July 08, 2025 at 11:09 PM

JB

“ Jamie Bearden purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Lee "Bill" Palmbos.



Jamie Bearden - July 08, 2025 at 10:45 AM

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“ Jamie Bearden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Lee "Bill" Palmbos.

Jamie Bearden - July 08, 2025 at 10:45 AM

BS

“ 1 file added to the album *Leaving GR for Vietnam*



Bob Staal - July 08, 2025 at 10:41 AM

BS

“ *Pam, I was surprised to learn of Bill's passing. You'll be in our prayers for comfort and grace as you make your way forward. Bob & Connie*

Bob Staal - July 08, 2025 at 10:37 AM