



Willis "Bill" Vander Berg

August 28, 1935 - February 7, 2025

Willis "Bill" Vander Berg age 89, of Holland, died Friday, February 7, 2025 at his home surrounded by his family.

Bill was a lifetime member of 14th St. Christian Reformed Church and owned and operated Bill's Automotive for over 40 years. He graduated from Holland Christian High School and attended Hope College. Bill and his wife, Margo, were long-time members of the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.

Bill had many hobbies: if he wasn't doing archery, camping, or boating in the summer, he was going on snowmobiling trips in the winter. But his first love was always sailing. He raced competitively in various boats, but racing his #213 International 110 'Double Trouble' was where he wanted to be. With Bill at the helm, his favorite crew members ranged from his daughter Kris, his son Mark and most, if not all of his grandchildren and their spouses. When Bill retired from his 110, he found himself sailing remote-control sailboats with many others that enjoyed small pond sailing.

Bill is survived by his wife of 69 years, Margo (Woltman); children, Laurie Honor, Kristine and Stu Solomon, Mark and Diane Vander Berg; 6 grandchildren, Tina (Phil) Michmerhuizen, Alesha (Tim) Dewit, Sarah (Tim) Smith, Daniel (Anna) Vander Berg, Nicholas (Daniel) Byrd, Andrea (Tim) Thielke; 12 Great grandchildren; sister, Phyllis (Flip) Heerspink; in-laws Dee

Post; Rich (Bev) Woltman; Roger (Bev) Woltman; Linda (Art) Gonzales. Bill was preceded in death by his sister Sandy Elzinga and brothers-in-law, Chuck Elzinga and Stu Post.

To view the livestream of the service please visit, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj5aKXqq8yfhgbDFOVWo4Ug/live>

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 22, 2025, at Fourteenth Street Christian Reformed Church, 14 W. 14th St. Holland with Rev. Benj Petroelje officiating. Interment will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, February 21, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 East 16th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Memorial Service

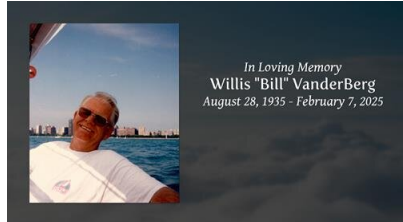
FEB 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fourteenth Street Christian Reformed Church
14 West 14th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Willis "Bill" Vander Berg*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 17, 2025 at 08:55 AM

PA

“ *My thoughts are with you all at this time. Bill was a great person and always was willing to help me with my car and a great neighbor. prayers to you all.*
Peggy Anderson

Peggy Anderson - February 22, 2025 at 09:10 AM

MF

“ *Mathews family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Willis "Bill" Vander Berg.*



Mathews family - February 20, 2025 at 08:41 PM

JS

“ Margo, Kris, Mark and Laurie, Seeing this great picture of Bill brought tears. In spite of all the time that ultimately passed in our lifetimes, that is exactly how I remember him. What a loved and significant part of the Volkens clan your family was since the earliest childhood! Wow, SO many of my favorite memories from growing up include our family weekends and camping adventures. His smile in this picture made them come flooding back. I have so much appreciation in hindsight of the lifelong friendship between Bill and my dad, and then our whole families as a result. While life pulled us all in different directions, I am so glad that the bond between the "adults" carried through. And for myself, I remember just how Bill treated the Volkens' kids like his own--always kidding around with us whatever was going on -- and HARD POUNDINGS! :D May he love the sights and fun of Heaven until those who will join him have that great reunion day. Thinking of all of you with love at such a difficult goodbye. <3

OXOX

Jodi (Volkens) Stanley

JODI STANLEY - February 17, 2025 at 01:05 PM

TR

“ Tim, Shelly, Daniel and Brianne and Ryan purchased the Footprints Tribute Blanket for the family of Willis "Bill" Vander Berg.



Tim, Shelly, Daniel and Brianne and Ryan - February 13, 2025 at 07:44 PM

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“ *Tim, Shelly, Daniel and Brianne and Ryan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willis "Bill" Vander Berg.*

Tim, Shelly, Daniel and Brianne and Ryan - February 13, 2025 at 07:44 PM

TP

“ *Margo, Kristie, Mark and Laurie and families,
We are so sorry for your loss. Bill was a fantastic man and we're
sure he and Doug are having a fantastic reunion.
Love to you all,
Tim, Shelly and Daniel Payne
Brianne and Ryan Wilk*

Tim and Shelly Payne - February 13, 2025 at 05:11 PM

JK

“ *Jack and Linda Knoblauch purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willis "Bill" Vander Berg.*



Jack and Linda Knoblauch - February 12, 2025 at 05:11 PM

JK

“ *Jack and Linda Knoblauch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willis "Bill" Vander Berg.*

Jack and Linda Knoblauch - February 12, 2025 at 05:11 PM

JH

“ Alice and I extend our deepest sympathy to Margo, Mark, Laurie and Kristie. We were blessed to know him. He was, truly, *Ultimus Romanorum*. God Bless.

John HUff - February 10, 2025 at 03:37 PM