



## Winnie Machiela

August 27, 1927 - July 21, 2024

Winnie Machiela, 96, of Zeeland, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 21, 2024.

Winnie was born August 27, 1927, in Inwood, Iowa, to Gerrit and Jennie Willemsen. She married Gerrit Hannink and they later moved from South Dakota to West Michigan. In 1990, Gerrit preceded her in death. In 1992, she married Delbert Machiela. They were married for thirty years in 2023 when Delbert preceded her in death. Winnie was employed as a waitress for Bosch's Restaurant for 27 years prior to her retirement. She was well known for her home baked breads for Bosch's and for family and friends. Winnie was a kind and outgoing woman, who had had a joyful spirit. She never lost her sense of humor even in difficult circumstances. Winnie's personality was impactful wherever her location, and with whomever she was spending time. She was a member of North Street Christian Reformed Church.

She is survived by sister-in-law Juliana De Young, brother-in-law Elmer Hoffman; many Hannink nieces and nephews, her foster sons: Darby and Shelly Kilber, Allen and Malissa Kilber; step-children: Bob and Sue Machiela, Duane and Susan Machiela, John and Linda Machiela, Andy and Camie Machiela; 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, Del's sibling family: Pauline Dyke, Lorraine Wierenga, Chester and Caroline Machiela, Marilyn Wassink, Roger and Helene Machiela; and many extended family members

and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 am, Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at North Street Christian Reformed Church, 20 East Main Ave., Zeeland MI 49464.

Visiting hours will be 6-8 pm, Tuesday, July 23, at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Zeeland Christian School. For the livestream link, go to the church's website ([www.northstreetcrc.org](http://www.northstreetcrc.org)) and click on the "livestream" link at the top.

[www.yntemafh.com](http://www.yntemafh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Zeeland Cemetery (Original Cemetery)

220 East Lincoln Avenue  
Zeeland, MI 49464

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL **24.** 10:30 AM (ET)

North Street Christian Reformed Church  
20 E Main Ave  
Zeeland, MI 49464  
(616) 772-6971

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ My husband and I met Gerrit & Winnie in 1975 when we were called to pastor the Noordeloos CRC. We had an invite to the farm for a delicious evening meal. It was served with her homemade bread! The next time she made bread she wrote down the recipe for me. I was someone who had never worked with yeast! Up until then she just put her ingredients together without an actual recipe. I have been using her bread recipe for 49 years! She has made a life long memory for our family. I was able to talk with her a few times on the phone. She was a warm, loving, Christian. My sympathy to the family.

*Linda Brinks*

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**Linda Brinks** - July 25, 2024 at 12:35 PM

CK

“ Winnie was like a Second Mom to me. She was a special lady to us at Bosch's. She was so liked by all the people she worked with and all the customers she took such good care of. Prayers and Hugs for the family. So sorry that we will miss the service. We are out of town.

*The Wasson family.*

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**Cheryl Wasson Klingenberg** - July 24, 2024 at 08:48 AM

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Duane KIM UITHOVEN - July 23, 2024 at 08:57 PM

DK

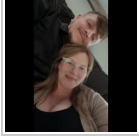
“ I have known Winnie since 1977. She is Darby's foster mom. He grew up with her and Gerritt for the formative years of his life. He was the one foster child that stayed with them the longest. They started out in South Dakota on a farm. Then moved to Michigan on a farm on Greenly. They raised hogs and Winnie did a lot of canning and making baked goods. Especially blueberry muffins. And bread. They picked blueberries together. She would say "We are picking them, not eating them." When we got married in 1977 , they came to the wedding and reconnected. We spent times there at the farm on Greenly and then at their home in Zeeland . Darby has a lot of fond memories about growing up there. Winnie amd Gerritt truly impacted his life. They were there for him when he needed to know that someone truly cared about him. She will always have a special place in our hearts. We love her so much. Shelly Kilber

Dawn Kilber - July 23, 2024 at 05:31 PM

DK

Winnie was my favorite aunt. She had a beautiful soul. She was always funny. She made us laugh. We love her very much. And we're going to miss her dearly. Dianne Kopp

Dianne Kopo - July 24, 2024 at 08:08 AM



“ Oh my sweet Winnie, it was such a joy taking care of you these last 7 months as a RA. I will miss your beautiful smile, your funny jokes and mostly your warming hugs. You are so missed. Love you always. ❤️

Kaitlin Frederick - July 23, 2024 at 04:58 PM

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“ Duane & Lindy Uithoven purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Winnie Machiela.



Duane & Lindy Uithoven - July 23, 2024 at 03:17 PM

GM

“ Gloria M. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Winnie Machiela.



Gloria M. - July 23, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Winnie Machiela.



July 22, 2024 at 09:58 PM

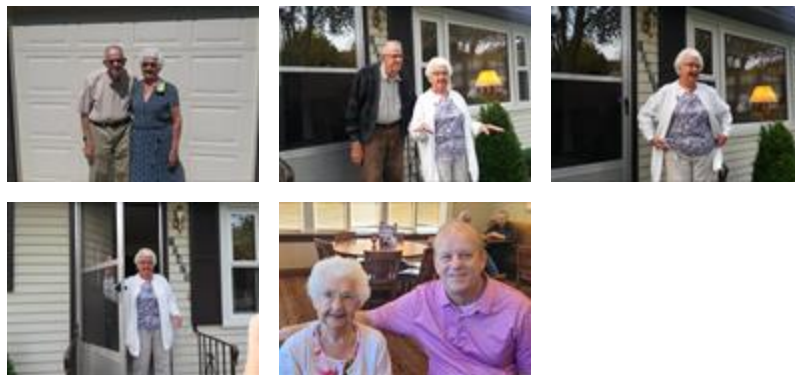
TP

“ Tom Patton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Winnie Machiela.

Tom Patton - July 22, 2024 at 09:58 PM

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Duane Uithoven - July 22, 2024 at 07:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Winnie Machiela.



July 22, 2024 at 04:18 PM