



## Bernard "Bernie" Van Der Molen

December 3, 1924 - March 27, 2018

Bernard "Bernie" Van Der Molen, age 93, of DeMotte, passed away on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born December 3, 1924 in New Holland, South Dakota to Cornelius and Alice (Alberts) Van Der Molen, both deceased.

On October 3, 1952, in DeMotte, Indiana, Bernie married Kathleen Seegers. Bernie was self-employed as a farmer. Bernie & Kathleen together, shared in the labor of working on their family farm. They were known for growing blueberries, asparagus, and asparagus crowns. Bernie was a member of First Christian Reformed Church where he was a Deacon and Elder. He also led a large men's Bible Study for 15 years. Bernie wrote two family biographies and two books, one titled "The Amazing 20th Century" and another titled "Memories of Our Life Together" to commemorate 65 years of their loving marriage. He also served on the Illiana & DeMotte Christian School boards.

Bernie is survived by his wife, Kathleen Van Der Molen of DeMotte, IN; children: David Van Der Molen of Merrillville, IN; Mary (Randy) Luedtke of DeMotte, IN; Ruth (Adrian) Dieleman of Visalia, CA; Debbie (Steve) Hubers of DeMotte, IN; Mark (Margo) Van Der Molen of DeMotte, IN; Liz (Paul) Kik of Hudsonville, MI; 14 grandchildren: Sarah Turner & Amy Turner, David (Linda) Dieleman, Chris (Steph) Dieleman & Joshua (Jenna) Dieleman, Rachel (Jon) Huisman, Mary (Steve) Kallemeyn, Josh (Jessica) Hubers & Rebekah Hubers, Adam (Chelsea) Van Der Molen & Eric (Lori) Van Der Molen, Jacob Kik, Matthew Kik & Emma Kik; 14 great-grandchildren; and sister, Ella Aasen of

Long Beach, CA.

Bernie was preceded in death by his parents and 7 sisters.

Friends may call at Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, April 2, 2018 and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Funeral services will be held at First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Laryn Zoerhof officiating. Interment will follow at Holland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to DeMotte Christian Schools or DeMotte Good Neighbor Food Pantry.

# Cemetery Details

## Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte  
200 3rd Street, SW  
P.O. Box 681  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 987-5300  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Visitation

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Reformed Church  
1633 South Halleck Street  
DeMotte, IN

## Service

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APR 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Reformed Church  
1633 South Halleck Street  
DeMotte, IN

# Tribute Wall



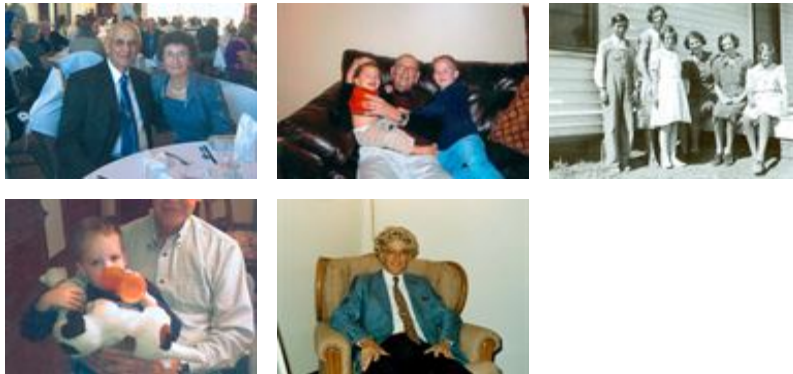
“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard "Bernie" Van Der Molen*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - April 02, 2018 at 02:52 PM



“ *7 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - April 02, 2018 at 01:32 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Van Der Molen.*



April 02, 2018 at 11:04 AM

BD

“ Our condolences to you all. You will all miss Bernie very much. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Bob and Marion Dieleman  
Ontario, Canada

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**Bob and Marion Dieleman** - March 31, 2018 at 08:58 AM



Thomas  
Kieft

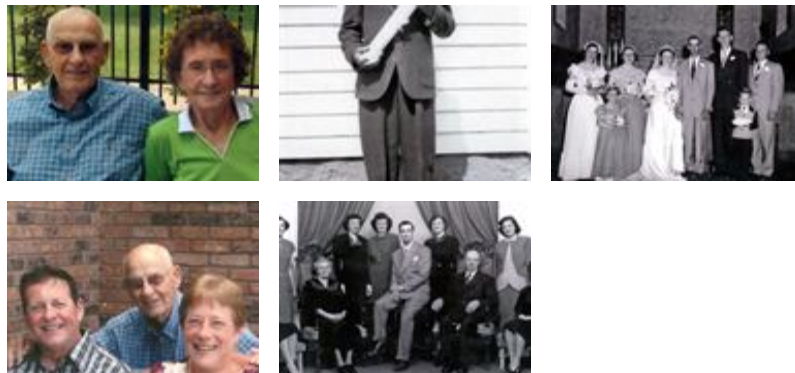
“ Uncle Bernie and Aunt Kathleen were responsible for many of my best childhood memories. The large extended family gatherings for Thanksgiving and July 4th helped build relationships with uncles, aunts and cousins. Horseback riding (a fat pony named Dolly and a quarter horse whose name I can't recall; I'm sure Liz can) under Uncle Bernie's watchful eye was always one of my favorite activities. Uncle Bernie and Aunt Kathleen warmly welcomed me into their family and home for week-long summer visits to De Motte and the farm. God bless you both.

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**Thomas Kieft** - March 30, 2018 at 05:48 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - March 30, 2018 at 03:30 PM

DK

*I played golf a few times with Bernie, and when he putted, his golf ball would just miss the cup. After several times, we all just started calling this type of putt a "Bernie". We all had several "Bernies" during our rounds.*

*Dave K*

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**David Kaminski** - April 03, 2018 at 05:25 PM

DL

*I want to express my sympathy to Kathleen and her family. May the Lord Bless you. Let's get together after I get back from Florida sometime the middle of May. You are in my prayers, a Friend Donna Lageveen*

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**Donna Lageveen** - April 09, 2018 at 08:49 PM

JA

*Bernie was my Grandpa, and we made lots of great memories together. We would always go and visit DeMotte and the farm and ride the golf cart. At dinner He would turn his watch towards the sun outside and then point it at a certain angle so it would make a dot on the wall. He did that every time I came up. I'm really sad he's gone now, but I'm glad he's in Heaven now happy.*

*Jacob K*

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**Jacob** - November 25, 2018 at 06:04 PM

TK

“*Tom and Kathy Kieft purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Van Der Molen.*



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**Tom and Kathy Kieft** - March 30, 2018 at 02:15 PM

JN

“ Dear Aunt Kathleen and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Uncle Bernie always gave us so much laughter and fun. His story telling was exceptional too. We will cherish our memories of him. We know that this time is bittersweet. We are imagining the family reunion he's enjoying right now. Our prayers are with you all. Much love, Jerry and Lisa N.

Jerry a Newhouse - March 29, 2018 at 07:46 PM

KP

“ I want to thank the whole family for being so influential in my childhood. I worked as child labor (haha) in the blueberry and asparagus fields for many years making friends and fond memories. God bless you all and Heaven is rejoicing. Kathy Pierce

Kathy Pierce - March 29, 2018 at 10:50 AM

LI

Oh Kathy, thank you for that! Yes, we had some great memories. Thank you for the kind words. Hope all is well with your family. Liz

Liz - March 29, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Van Der Molen.



March 29, 2018 at 09:53 AM