



## Elmer R Vander Molen

September 13, 1940 - November 19, 2023

Elmer Ray Vander Molen, age 83, passed away peacefully at home on November 19, 2023.

He was born September 13, 1940, in DeMotte, Indiana; the son of Andrew Vander Molen and Susie (nee Kingma) Vander Molen.

On March 24, 1961, he married Norma Kaluf in DeMotte.

Elmer is survived by his loving wife, Norma (nee Kaluf) Vander Molen, and six children; Dawn (John) Fulkerson, Scott (Deb) Vander Molen, Brett (Susan) Vander Molen, Korine (Chris) Ehrlich, Kristine (Timothy) McNeill, April (Mark) Boer, 21 grandchildren along with 14 spouses and 26 great-grandchildren, his sisters; Frances Terborg and Sandra Nannenga.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother; Marvin Vander Molen.

Elmer was a loving husband, father, and papa. He had a tough demeanor about him but inside, he was caring, hardworking, and made sure his family was taken care of. Because of one man's faithfulness, so many of his family were blessed. One of the things he looked forward to was holding each of the newborn grandbabies and great-grandbabies. He was a vice president at Hamstra Builders and worked 41 years as a project superintendent- building many commercial properties in Indiana. After retiring from construction, he was not done working, he was able to do something he had wanted to do for a long time- farming. So, for another 10 years he worked for Postma Farms. He was a member of Bethel Christian Reformed Church.

He loved horses and enjoyed many rides around DeMotte and Brown County.

He also was part of the Jasper County Posse.

In recent years, he traded in his horse for a '56 Ford Victoria and he enjoyed going to local car shows.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to “Cambodia Train Up Children’s Home”.

New Orphan’s Home in Cambodia [giving.ag.org](http://giving.ag.org) ID 023604 or by mail with checks payable to AGWM Assembly of God World Mission, 1445 North Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO. 65802-1894 (check memo to read “023604”)

A visitation will be held on Sunday, November 26, 2023 at Jackson Funeral Services in DeMotte from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Funeral services will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Bethel Christian Church of DeMotte on Monday, November 27, 2023. A graveside committal service will follow at Holland Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **26**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 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>

## Funeral Service

NOV **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Christian Reformed Church  
521 S. Halleck St.  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 987-2005  
bethelcrc@netnitco.net  
<http://www.bethelcrcdemotte.org/>

## Graveside Services

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NOV 27 (CT)

Holland Cemetery  
Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Tribute Wall



“ 342 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - November 26, 2023 at 12:05 PM

AM

“ *Ardy & Ralph Myers lit a candle in memory of Elmer R Vander Molen*



**Ardy & Ralph Myers** - November 22, 2023 at 04:07 PM

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*Ralph and Elmer spent several years driving tractors at Postma's where they shared stories as they turned over the soil to be prepared for planting and again in the fall to prepare the fields for the next year. We send our sympathy to Norma and their family. Elmer has been a friend, neighbor and someone who shared his knowledge of driving tractors and his work ethic to a younger person. We will miss him but rejoice in his home-going to heaven.*

**Ardy** - November 22, 2023 at 04:19 PM

TP

*Many wonderful years of Friendship with Elmer and Norma ,many great vacations together ,times spent with our whole families together at the lake ....been very Blessed to have this man in our lives and help farm on our Farm .He was a great neighbor and friend he will be sadly missed !*

Tom & Bonnie Postma - November 22, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elmer R Vander Molen.



November 22, 2023 at 10:38 AM

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“ Our condolences & sympathy are with Norma & the entire Vandermolen family.  
J.R. & Jodie Evans

J.R. & Jodie Evans - November 21, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elmer R Vander Molen.



November 21, 2023 at 04:24 PM

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“ Jeff & Liz Hartensveld, & AP Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer R Vander Molen.

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**Jeff & Liz Hartensveld, & AP Staff** - November 21, 2023 at 04:24 PM