



## George H. Roorda

May 13, 1927 - February 19, 2019

George Howard Roorda, age 91, of DeMotte, passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at Oak Grove Christian Village.

George was born in DeMotte, IN to Frank and Agnes (Terpstra) Roorda on May 13, 1927. He married the love of his life, Mary Ann Hamstra on August 28, 1949 in DeMotte, IN. She preceded him in death on July 6, 2006. George was self-employed as a farmer and served the community in various other ways such as being a Kankakee Valley school bus driver, a past 4H Leader for 20 years, a past member for the school board for Fair Oaks, he served on the Jasper County Fair board and he also worked construction on numerous projects. George proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member at Grace Fellowship Church. George and Mary Ann wintered and eventually moved to Florida, where he loved to fish for sheep's head.

George is survived by his children: Margie (Wayne) Walstra of Fair Oaks, IN; Frank Roorda (friend, Cheryl) of Texas; Bob (Becky) Roorda of DeMotte, IN; Lynn (Gail) Roorda of Rensselaer, IN; 8 grandchildren: Shannon, Suzanne, Jennifer, Brad, Brock, Brandi, Bridget, Trent, and Jennifer; 11 great-grandchildren.

George was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and brother Joe C. Roorda.

Friends may visit with the family at Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte on Friday, February 22, 2019 from 2:00 to 8:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at Grace Fellowship Church on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM with Pastor Tim Hester officiating. Burial will follow at the Holland Cemetery with Military Rites.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or Oak Grove Christian Retirement Village.

# Cemetery Details

## Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 2:00 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>

## Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Fellowship Christian Church  
Grace Fellowship Church  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of George H. Roorda



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - February 22, 2019 at 02:47 PM

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“ I grew up next to one of the greatest neighbors a young kid could have known. My father and him worked together to help each other on their farms whenever one was in need. After our father died at an early age 52, the farm was a burden for my mother as I was away at college. Guess who stepped in to help? Our neighbors George and Marianne. George farmed our ground for the next 35 years, until we sold the property. He was such a great friend and neighbor , checking on my mother if severe storms came through, plowing her driveway if it snowed heavy, or was she warm during extremely cold weather. It was out of the kindness of his heart to may sure she was OK. I will never forget George, one of the greatest friend and neighbor a kid could look up to. Rest In Peace Mr. Roorda you are one of a kind.

*Ron and Linda Crawford (son of Mary Crawford)  
Union City, Mi*

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**Ronald Crawford** - March 08, 2019 at 10:40 PM

MR

“ I have so many good memories of Uncle George. Most of them as a kid hunting and fishing in both Indiana and Florida. I did have a chance to visit with him a couple years ago while home. We didn't get to spend too much time together, but I really enjoyed hearing his stories.

We made a donation to Trout Unlimited in his name.  
<https://www.tu.org/about-tu>

Sorry we aren't able to get to the funeral. Much love to the family.

-Matt & Erin Roorda

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**Matthew Roorda** - February 23, 2019 at 11:47 AM

SR

“ Steve And Ginny Reames lit a candle in memory of George H. Roorda



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**Steve and Ginny Reames** - February 22, 2019 at 02:45 PM

SR

The old pictures are really the best! That's when life was fun and always a hay ride at the Roorda's! Thanks for the memories George, Mary Ann and Family's... Love you all!

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**Steve and Ginny Reames** - February 22, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George H. Roorda.*



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February 22, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George H. Roorda.*



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February 22, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of George H. Roorda.*



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February 22, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ 23 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - February 22, 2019 at 08:51 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *George H. Roorda*.



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February 22, 2019 at 08:38 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *George H. Roorda*.



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February 21, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ 22 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - February 21, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of *George H. Roorda*.



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February 21, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *George H. Roorda*.



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February 21, 2019 at 07:35 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George H. Roorda.* ”



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February 20, 2019 at 11:18 PM