



## Harold Kingma

April 26, 1934 - July 6, 2020

Harold Kingma, age 86, of DeMotte, passed away on Monday, July 6, 2020. He was born April 26, 1934, in Thayer, Indiana, the son of Gerben and Teenie (Fase) Kingma.

Harold attended DeMotte High School, Class of 1952. He married the love of his life, Eleanor Toppen, on April 24, 1956 in DeMotte. Harold was a farmer his entire life, concentrating in poultry, pork, and crop farming. In 1967, he planted 5 acres of seedlings and eight years later, Kingma Christmas Tree Farm was ready for business, a staple of the community for 51 years. Harold was a member of First Christian Reformed Church and was a past deacon and elder there. He was also a member of the Indiana, Mid-America, and National Christmas Tree Associations.

When he wasn't working on the farm, Harold enjoyed traveling, golfing, fishing, jigsaw puzzles, gardening, and spending time with his family. Harold's greatest legacy was his faith and love of God passed on through the generations of his family.

Harold is survived by Eleanor, his wife of 64 years; children: Phyllis Penninga, Barbara (Fred) Hoekstra, Linda (Tom) Hanstra, Jon (Diane) Kingma, Beth (Bill) Terpstra; 17 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Samuel, James, and Roy Kingma; sister, Henrietta Kingma; and son-in-law, Steven Penninga.

Friends and family may gather, while wearing a mask and practicing social distancing, at the First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte, 1633 S. Halleck, on Monday, July 13, 2020 from 1:00 – 2:45 PM. A Funeral Service will follow at the church at 3:00 PM with Pastors Jim Alblas and Blake Campbell officiating. A private burial will be held at Holland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to DeMotte Christian School or Trees for Troops.

# Cemetery Details

## Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 13. 1:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

First Christian Reformed Church  
1633 South Halleck Street  
DeMotte, IN

## Funeral Service

JUL 13. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Reformed Church  
1633 South Halleck Street  
DeMotte, IN

# Tribute Wall

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“ Linda and family, I am deeply sorry for the loss of your beloved husband, father and grandfather. I will hold you in God's loving hands for strength and trust in the Risen Lord. I would also invite you to a Prayer of Remembrance Friday Sept, 4 that will be virtual. It will be at 12:15 pm and a link will be sent for you to join in a 25-30 minute Prayer remembering the gift of Harold and all deceased family of staff as well as deceased staff.  
God Bless You all.

*Sincerely in Notre Dame,*

*Fr Jim Bracke csc  
Notre Dame Staff Chaplain*

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**Fr. Jim Bracke scs** - July 14, 2020 at 10:11 PM

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“ I want to express my wife and my sympathies to Harold’s family and friends. I started working with Harold and Jon many years ago with their farm drying and storage system. When my family was still young and my girls were in school it became special to visit before Christmas to pick the right tree even though it was an hour and a half drive. That was very much due to how special Harold was and how he and his family made us feel welcome and special as well. My four girls still talk about those trips as favorite memories. Harold spanned an amazing change in how farms work and use technology, but he never forgot the personal part always keeping the love of God and making friends as the base of everything he did. I visited the farm a few months ago and everyone was gone except Harold. We talked for a few minutes about how things were going and how he had seen farming go from some horses still in use along with 30 hp small tractors compared to the huge technology based machines of today and I went on my way. I will miss those visits a lot, but Harold will still be a part of future visits with Jon and the family as memories and stories of him make their way into the conversation as I know they will.

Gary and Joyce Woodruff & Family

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Gary and Joyce Woodruff & Family - July 14, 2020 at 09:34 AM

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“ I have filled in at Harold and Eleanor's home quite a few times. I always enjoyed going there, and seeing them both. The love they had for each other is beyond this world. Harold never failed to make me laugh with his jokes. He will definitely be missed by many. My deepest condolences to the Kingma family, may your family find peace in knowing that Harold is now at home with our Lord. May he Rest In Peace.

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Kaitlyn Braun - July 13, 2020 at 08:16 PM

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“ *Jon and Family,*

*All of us at Remington Seeds express our condolences on the passing of your father. I always looked forward to seeing your dad's smiling face every time I visited the farm. Prayers sent to comfort you all in this time of sorrow.*

*Gary Chambers  
Remington Seeds*

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**Gary Chambers** - July 13, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Kingma.*



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July 13, 2020 at 07:41 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Kingma.*



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July 12, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Kingma.



July 12, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Kingma.



July 10, 2020 at 11:29 PM



“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Harold Kingma. I am saddened to hear of his sudden passing. Some of the fondest memories I have of Harold are the times that he would help my family find the perfect tree at Christmas time. I will be praying for the whole family doing this difficult time. Sincerely , Debbie IntVeld

Debbie IntVeld - July 10, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ Your ICTGA Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Harold Kingma.



Your ICTGA Family - July 10, 2020 at 02:05 PM

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“ *Your Friends at Wahmhoff Farms Nursery purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harold Kingma.*



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**Your Friends at Wahmhoff Farms Nursery** - July 10, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Kingma.*



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July 10, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Kingma.*



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July 10, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harold Kingma.*



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July 10, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Kingma.*



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July 10, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Kingma.*



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July 09, 2020 at 01:54 PM