

Leonard Vander Lugt

April 15, 1922 - January 25, 2014

Leonard Vander Lugt, age 91, of DeMotte, IN passed away on Saturday January 25, 2014 at Oak Grove Christian Retirement Village of DeMotte. Leonard was born in Colton South Dakota on April 15, 1922 to the late Gerrit and Alida (Swier) Vander Lugt.

Leonard had been a resident of DeMotte for the last 15 years. He had, over the years, lived in South Bend, IN., Grand Rapids, MI., and Lansing, MI. Leonard graduated from Davis Tech High School in Grand Rapids, MI., class of 1939.

On July 5, 1944 in Grand Rapids, MI. Leonard and Anne (Van Enk) Vander Lugt were married and have celebrated 69 years together. Leonard retired after 41 years of employment as a supervisor with Michigan Bell Telephone Company. Leonard proudly served his country in the Army during WWII. He was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte.

Leonard is survived by, his loving wife Anne Vander Lugt, his six children, Dr. Lee (Louise) Vander Lugt of Chickasha, OK., Wilma Jean (Roger) Huizenga of Walkerton, IN., Lynn Ann (Steve) Rudoni of Mt. Pleasant, MI., Dr. Gerrit (Barbara) Vander Lugt of Alma, MI., Margery Jo (Robert) Stanton of Jackson, MI., Dr. David (Penny) Vander Lugt of DeMotte, IN., 17 Grandchildren and 20 Great Grandchildren. Two sisters, Mary Ann (Robert) Bakker of Holland, MI. and Linda Brooks of Grand Rapids, MI., two brothers, Nelson (Joyce) Vander Lugt of Grand Rapids, MI. and Kenneth Vander Lugt of Merrillville, IN.

Leonard is preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and three brothers. Friends may call on Thursday January 30, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 12:00 Noon at the First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte with Pastor Laryn Zoerhof officiating.

Interment will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens Osceola, Indiana.

Contributions maybe made to the DeMotte Christian School or to Covenant Christian School.

Also see www.jacksonfuneral.com to sign the online register book, to leave condolences and for directions.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

10776 McKinley Highway
Osceola, IN 46561

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Reformed Church
1633 South Halleck Street
DeMotte, IN

Service

JAN 30. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DV

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Et je te raconterai tout quand je te reverrai
On a fait du ch'min d'puis là d'où on vient
Oh je te raconterai tout quand je te reverrai
Quand je te reverrai*

*Merde, qui aurait cru ?
Tous les avions qu'on a pris, les bons moments passés
Que j'serais debout là, à te parler
D'une toute autre voie, j'sais qu'on aimait prendre la route et rire
Mais quelque chose me disait qu'ça durerait pas
Qu'il fallait changer de regard sur les choses, d'avoir un autre œil
sur la vue d'ensemble
Ces jours on kiffait, le taff acharné paie toujours
Maintenant j'te sais dans un meilleur endroit (Un meilleur endroit)
Huh*

*Comment ne pas parler d'famille quand la famille c'est tout c'qu'on a
?
Tout ce que j'ai traversé, et toi t'étais à mes côtés
Et maintenant tu s'ras avec moi pour ma dernière balade*

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DARYL VANDERLUGT - June 04, 2025 at 11:49 AM

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RE

“ Dear Anne and family . I was very heart sorry to hear of Len's passing. Len and Anne were so kind to me when I first came to South Bend Christian Reformed Church many years ago. I was such a mess back then and they accepted my son Christopher right away. I would not have been able to grow as a Christian without the kindness of Len and Anne. We remained friends all these years. I was so happy to get a picture of them in my Christmas card this year. This picture will be extra precious now.

Rebecca Eby - February 03, 2014 at 09:30 AM

BJ

“ Dear Anne, Gary & Margery,

Many memories of you & your dad are in my mind. The years of attending South Bend Christian Reformed Church, the Sat catechism classes, the building move to the present location. Brethren Christian School, the trip Gary & I took to interview at Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

I will say of the Lord He is my refuge & my fortress. My God in whom I trust. He says I love you. He says I will rescue you. He says I will protect you. He says I will be with you. Psalm 91.

Bonnie Damon Jacobson Mountlake Terrace, WA.

Bonnie Damon Jacobso - January 30, 2014 at 11:44 AM

MV

“ We have fond memories of Len and Anne Vander Lugt from the South Bend Christian Reformed Church where they welcomed us twenty some years ago. But our memories go farther back than that--as my dad car-pooled with Len to work in Grand Rapids from Jenison, Michigan--and Lee and then later Louise were such good friends through our teens and early years of marriage. So long ago!

We send you our love and our sympathy.

Jim and Mary VanderKam

mary vanderkam - January 30, 2014 at 08:03 AM

HH

“ Wilma,

Sorry to hear about your dad. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Hope to see you at Swan again this year.

Thinking of you

Harvey & Kay Hyland

Harvey & Kay Hyland - January 29, 2014 at 12:46 PM

TD

“ Dear Marge,

I'm sorry for your loss.

I'm glad I was able to see you this past July at the school reunion in Osceola, IN.

Best wishes,

Tim Damon

Timothy Damon - January 29, 2014 at 11:17 AM

DV

“ Dear Anne, So sorry that the weather will prevent me from coming to the funeral. my thoughts and prayers will be with you and all the family, thru the funeral May God wrap his arms around you and give you his grace in the coming days. Love Doris

Doris VL - January 28, 2014 at 10:50 PM

SC

“ My memories of your husband & father at S. B. Christian Reformed bring back good times. Your family is in our prayers.

Skip Callander

Skip Callander - January 28, 2014 at 02:54 PM



“ Oh, what a rich life Len had and especially with Anne and his children. They were two of the people I first met back in 1977 at the South Bend Christian Reformed Church ~ so kind and accepting ~ and loving. What a complete journey Len has made, and now he's with the Author of His Faith, for Whom he lived his whole life. Aaah ~ sweet Jesus! Much love to Annie and "the kids" ...

Linda Smyth - January 27, 2014 at 07:33 PM



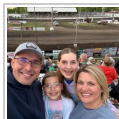
“ Len taught me how to paint..very carefully. He painted the walls of the church without a dropcloth! A kind man and a good example of a great husband and father. Our hearts and prayers go out to Anne and the entire family. Sandi and Jim Fulton

Sandi Arnold Fulton - January 27, 2014 at 05:10 PM



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Tutto Per la Casa - January 27, 2014 at 02:06 PM



Thank you for your kind words Chicca!! We love you all very much and cherish your thoughts and prayers for Grandpa and the family!!

Travis Boggs - January 27, 2014 at 04:59 PM



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