



Dr. Timothy J. DeBoer

March 18, 1959 - October 20, 2020

Dr. Timothy Jay DeBoer, age 61, of DeMotte, passed away Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at Franciscan Health Crown Point. He was born March 18, 1959, in Harvey, IL, the son of Henry R. and Mildred (Eenigenburg) DeBoer.

Tim was a graduate of Illiana Christian High School class of 1977, he attended Purdue Calumet, Parks University in East St Louis, Colorado State and obtained his degree in Optometry from the Illinois College of Optometry. On August 21, 1981 he married the love of his life Susan K. Laninga. Tim was a member of the Immanuel United Reformed Church.

Over the years Tim held office in his church, he loved teaching catechism to the young people there. He enjoyed reading, flying, hunting, boating, and snow skiing; however, what he held most dear was spending time with his family.

Tim is survived by his loving wife, Sue; his children Jessica (Justin) Colanese, Kyle (Jordan) DeBoer, Sara (Greg) VanEssendelft and Luke (Jenna) DeBoer; his mother Mildred DeBoer; siblings, Robert DeBoer, John (Mary) DeBoer, Laurel (Tim) Stegenga and Dan (Sherry) DeBoer; and 8 grandchildren, Jude, Jonah, Korah, Jack, Remi, Avery, Thijs and Isla.

Family and friends may visit at Immanuel United Reformed Church of DeMotte on Friday, October 23, 2020 from 2:00-8:00 PM. A funeral service will be held at Immanuel United Reformed Church on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM with Pastor Roberto Rossi officiating. Interment will follow at Holland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the MidAmerica Reformed Seminary
in Dyer, IN.

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery
DeMotte, IN 46310

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel United Reformed Church
9991 W 1200 N
DeMotte, IN 46310

Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel United Reformed Church
9991 W 1200 N
DeMotte, IN 46310

Tribute Wall

EH

“ He saved my husband's eye, not long before he passed. He had a metal shaving go in his eye, and his eye swelled up huge. Dr. DeBoer got him in quickly and saved his eye & vision. We are eternally grateful to him. I am so saddened to hear of his passing.

Erik & Terri Hardesty - March 07, 2021 at 05:44 PM

SY

“ Dr Tim was a very kind man. He was my families Eye Dr along with his brother for about 30 years. We always were treated so well. I am so sorry for your loss it is way to early. Our prayers are with your family and knowing he is now in heaven is the only blessing. Keep him always in your hearts.

Susan Yekich - October 23, 2020 at 03:11 PM

CF

“ Dear Sue, and Family:
You have our deepest sympathy. Tim was such a kind, and caring person. He will be missed. You and your family are in our thoughts, and prayers.

Jack and Charlotte Fagen

Charlotte Fagen - October 23, 2020 at 12:17 PM

MB

“ Sure gonna miss my visits with Tim. Half way through the exam we would get of on a tangent about flying or a book we were reading, or some church discussion. All of a sudden he was like, let’s finish this exam! Hard to believe how fast life goes by. My prayers and thoughts with the rest of the family. Till we all meet again. Mike Bultema

Mike Bultema - October 23, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy J. DeBoer.



October 23, 2020 at 09:20 AM

MD

“ My deepest sympathy to the Deboer family. Tim was my eye doctor for years. He loved to chat about his family and church. He was a very caring doctor. He will be deeply missed. Prayers for the family.

Miriam Dewindt - October 23, 2020 at 02:03 AM

BM

Dr. Denier will surely be missed, he was our eye doctor and enjoyed his conversation about family and his hobbies, Prayers for His Family and Friends. Cookie and Bob Maciejewski

Bob and Coolie Maciejewski - October 23, 2020 at 06:26 AM

BM

Spelling, Dr. Deboer

Bob and Coolie Maciejewski - October 23, 2020 at 06:28 AM

D(

“ *Tim was my play buddy at every Thanksgiving and 4th of July celebrations our families shared together growing up. I'll always remember the great times we had together and will sincerely miss your laugh. You left us way too soon! But, I know we will share eternity together in our faith in our Lord!*

Dan Ridder (cousin) - October 22, 2020 at 08:27 PM

FC

“ *From Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Timothy J. DeBoer.*



From Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church - October 22, 2020 at 08:05 PM

FC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Dr. Timothy DeBore was such a kind and caring doctor. He will be missed.*

Franny Clark - October 22, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy J. DeBoer.*



October 22, 2020 at 04:03 PM

TG

“ *The Alliance Buying Group purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dr. Timothy J. DeBoer.*



The Alliance Buying Group - October 22, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy J. DeBoer.*



October 22, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy J. DeBoer.*



October 22, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy J. DeBoer.*



October 22, 2020 at 10:31 AM

FF

“ From The VanEssendelft Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Timothy J. DeBoer.



From The VanEssendelft Family - October 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM

RG

“ My deepest condolences for Dr Tim's family. I was a patient of his for almost 20yrs and was deeply saddened at his passing. He would exam my eyes , while talking about life, family and God. I always felt his calm loving spirit. I do take solice knowing he is with our precious Lord. God bless him. (R. Gonzalez)

Rosa Gonzalez - October 21, 2020 at 10:41 PM

MS

“ I love spending time with him getting my eyes done he was so down to earth he always tell me when I came in to get my eyes fixed you enjoyed the time we had and the talks we had in the things we talked about including taking care of my eyes for so many years old my God I am so so sorry may he rest in peace and and peace to the family and to his wife may God bless you

Marian stelter - October 21, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy J. DeBoer.



October 21, 2020 at 10:20 PM

LR

“ Tim was a great cousin. If Tim didn't smile, something was really wrong. He was honest, God centered, and caring. I think...the teddy bear of the family. You could not help but love our brilliant walking medical encyclopedia! We will always love and miss you Tim!
Lois Ridder Rainwater

Lois Ridder Rainwater - October 21, 2020 at 08:37 PM

PB

“ Prayers for Tim's family thinking of you all. Tim was a great person and fun to talk with.

Pam Butler - October 21, 2020 at 08:00 PM

BC

“ Dr. DeBoer was a living testament to Colossians 3:23-24. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward."

I will never forget our first appointment together because of how he explained God's grand design, and his career path that led him to where he was that day. Dr. DeBoer is surely reaping a great reward in Heaven right now. I pray that God comforts his family and friends, and that we celebrate a man who brought people closer to God through his work and friendship.



BCofffer - October 21, 2020 at 03:56 PM

PA

My husband had been going to him for our glasses for a long time. Just seen him last year. He was a great optometrists and we are sad to hear this. Praying for his family.

Pat and Ann - October 21, 2020 at 06:12 PM

BS

We are so sorry to read this sad news. Such a pleasant person

Bonnie and James Sparks - October 21, 2020 at 07:58 PM