



Nathan Jay Nauta

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Nathan Jay Nauta, age 94, of Spring Lake passed away Friday, July 20, 2018, at Robbinswood Assisted Living. He was born February 19, 1924, in Grand Rapids to Thomas and Tillie (Versluis) Nauta, and married Jean Knottnerus on June 23, 1950, in Grand Rapids. Jean preceded him in death on July 25, 2014.




Jay was a member of Bethel Baptist Church of Fruitport. He served the Lord as a missionary with his wife for 50 years in the Dominican Republic. Jay served in the Navy during WWII. He was an avid painter.

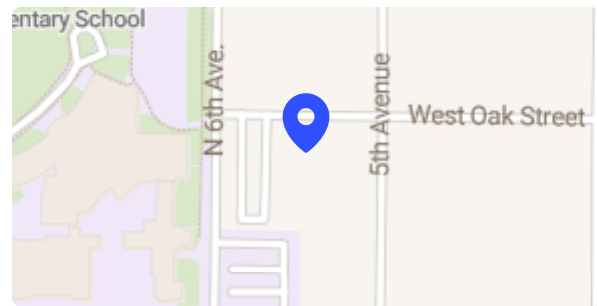
He is lovingly remembered by two daughters, Esther (Robb) Smith of Waukesha, WI and Marilyn Nauta of Brookfield, WI; his son, Steve (Janice Esh) Nauta of Spring Lake; six grandchildren: Nathan Nauta, Allison Powers, Nicholas Nauta, Benjamin Esh-Nauta, Joel Smith and Jordan Smith; six great-grandchildren: Nora, Iain, Camryn, Cohen, Riley and Madison; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ann and Ida; and his brother, Paul Nauta.

A funeral service will be held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 2018, at Bethel Baptist Church of Fruitport 213 W. Oak Street, Fruitport, MI. 49415 with Rev. Lee Coggin officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at church. Interment will be in Spring Lake Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Bethel Baptist Church of Fruitport are appreciated. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.sytsemafh.com.






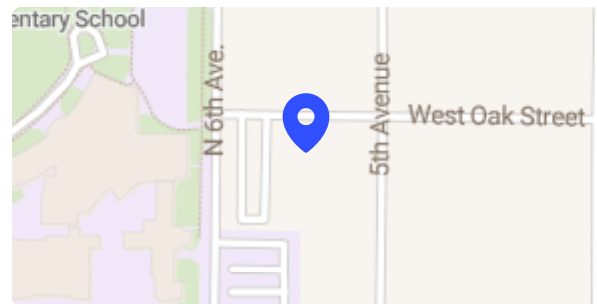
Visitation

-  **Saturday**, July 28, 2018
-  3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET
-  **Bethel Baptist Church**
213 Oak Street, Fruitport MI 49415




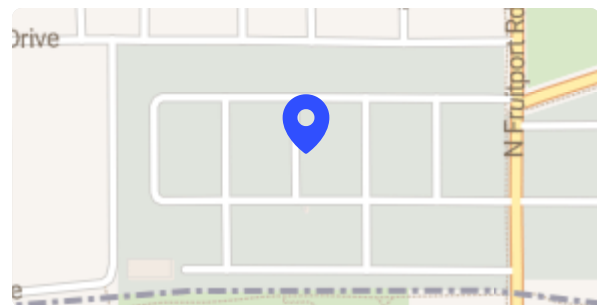
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Cemetery Details

-  **Spring Lake Cemetery**
17181 North Fruitport Road, Spring Lake MI 49456





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Jerry Troyer posted:

We were so privileged to be a part of his missionary work all these years. Eastport Baptist Church

July 25 at 6:35 AM



Jackie Messing posted:

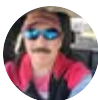
My sympathy to the family of Jay Nauta. I don't think I have met missionaries who were so conscious of the use of God's gifts to them as was Jay and his wife not only financially but with their time and lives. They were hard working people with a real love for those in need of a Saviour. Jay now is at Home . It was good to know them both even though it was in a limited way. Jackie Messing, Standale Baptist Church

July 23 at 5:17 PM



Helen Wing August 1 at 6:18 AM

I was a little girl at Second Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, MI when Jay and Jean left for their first term of service in the D.R. I remember I went to the airport with my parents to see them off. My sympathy to Esther, Steve, and Marilyn and your families. May you know the peace and comfort that only God can give.



Alejandro A. Santana sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Nauta family.



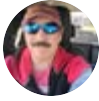
July 23 at 6:27 AM



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Alejandro A. Santana shared an album called **New Album Name**.



July 23 at 5:02 AM



Barbara Lewis August 1 at 6:44 AM

I have many special memories of Jay as a fellow missionary in the Dominican Republic. When I began my ministry there I worked with the church he had started in Santo Domingo. It was evident that the people loved him. Many of those young people are now serving the Lord in ministries in the Dominican Republic and the United States. His influence is never-ending. God bless each of you, Esther, Marilyn, Steve, and family.



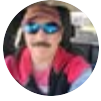
Beulah Hager August 1 at 6:15 AM

Condolences to the Nauta family: Jay was a special missionary with whom we had the privilege of working in the Dominican Republic for many years. He had a special way of ministering to the young people in the city of Santo Domingo. May God richly bless each of you, Esther, Marilyn, and Stephen.



Alejandro A. Santana July 23 at 5:50 AM

"Our Deepest and Most Sincere Condolences" From: The Santana's Family To: The family of Nathan Jay Nauta (Mr. Nauta) ---- Iglesia Bautista en Santo Domingo --- Felix Maria Ruiz / Juana Saltitopa

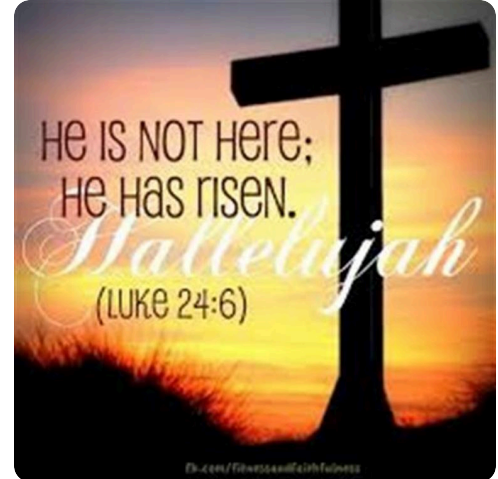


Alejandro A. Santana shared 3 photos to the **New Album Name** album.

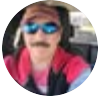
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May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. my sincere condolences



Y Dios, que resucitó al Señor, también nos resucitará a nosotros mediante su poder. 1 Corintios 6:1



I would like to offer my prayers and condolences to you and your family. Adelina Santana



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Nathan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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