



Richard "Dick" Van Opynen

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Mr. Richard "Dick" Van Opynen, age 81, of Spring Lake passed away Monday, December 10, 2018 at home. He was born October 21, 1937 in Grand Haven to Herman and Margaret (Tallman) Van Opynen. On April 17, 2010 he married the former Jacquelyn Reenders Robinson and she preceded him in death on December 3, 2011.

Dick served his country in the US Navy retiring in 1974 as Chief Petty Officer. He was a member of the Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post 28, Fleet Reserve Association, and Air Traffic Control Association Life Member. He enjoyed model trains and gardening. Dick was a member of First Congregational Church in Fruitport.

He is survived by two brothers, Robert (Kathy) Van Opynen of Coopersville, and Roger (Linda) Van Opynen of Grand Haven; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Yukiko Van Opynen, Son, Richard Scott Van Opynen, and his twin brother Allen Van Opynen.


A memorial Service will be held 11:00 AM January 11, 2019 at First Congregational Church (3212 E. Pontaluna Rd. Fruitport, MI). Memorial contributions in memory of Dick may be given to Grand Haven Christian School. Interment will take place in Spring Lake Township Cemetery. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com.

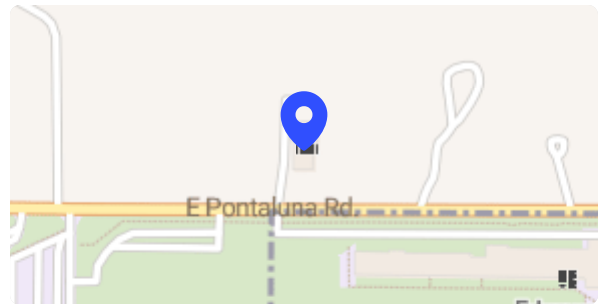


Memorial Service


 **Friday**, January 11, 2019

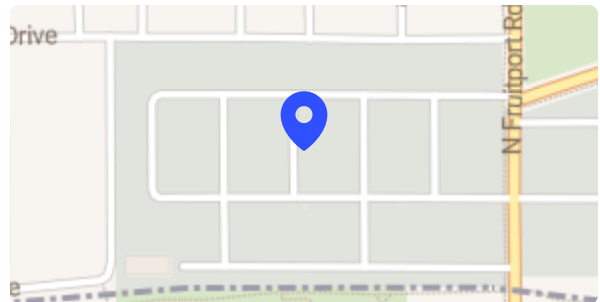
 11:00 AM ET

 **First Congregational Church of Fruitport**
3212 Pontaluna Rd., Fruitport MI 49415



Cemetery Details

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





Tribute Wall

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Donna Phelps lit a candle in honor of Richard.



January 9 at 10:48 AM



Donna Phelps January 9 at 10:53 AM

Dick was a wonderful neighbor I've known since 1978. When my husband Joe was alive Dick would always stop and talk and they had much in common. Dick was a joy and loved life and people and had a sense of humor and loved to laugh. After my Joe died Dick would always stop and chit chat when he was on his way on an errand in his purple van and I was out in my yard doing something. He loved to talk and always had something to say. I know he is happy now seeing his son and his two loves he was married to. God bless him Donna Phelps



Carrol Laplante (Perry) lit a candle in honor of Richard.



January 2 at 8:47 PM



Kathy Stahl posted:

Dick was one of my first heroes. It was always exciting when he came home from the Navy, and he always had time to talk about his experiences. Quite a thrill for a little girl who lived across the street! Thank you for your service, and rest in peace. Kathy (Berg) Stahl

December 28 at 3:21 PM



Wanda Vanwynen Kruse lit a candle in honor of Richard.



December 12 at 4:41 PM



Carrol Laplante (Perry) January 2 at 8:44 PM

The best co-worker anyone could wish for. Kind, friendly, polite, he was a favorite driver among Harbor Transit riders. Peace be with you Dick. Carrol LaPlante (Perry)



Wanda Vanwynen Kruse December 12 at 4:44 PM

Love u and going to miss talking to you, when I was down. MY you rest in peace cousin.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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