



Arthur E. Ruiter

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Arthur E. Ruiter, age 88, passed peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, into the everlasting arms of his Creator on June 1, 2020. For 60 years, he shared his life and adventures with his beloved wife, Carole Ruiter, whom he frequently described as “wonderful” and “the best.”

An Army veteran, Art spent his life in service to God and others. Early in his career, he advocated for the empowerment and rights of disabled people, including independent housing, meaningful work, and fair wages. This work of advocacy and empowerment extended to people of color, immigrant refugees, the poor, the incarcerated, the sick, and the elderly, truly fulfilling Christ’s charge to “love thy neighbor.” His exemplary service also extended to people and organizations with whom he worked and volunteered, including recent dynamic service on the Second Christian Reformed Church Council, at Christian Haven, Love in Action, and International Aid.

He is survived by his wife Carole; his four children: Pamela (Steve), Jeff (Lisa), David, and Amy (Jameson); eleven grandchildren: Anders, Mahilet, Joshua (Candice), Zachary (Hali), Seth (Kara), Joel, Anna, Catherine, Lydia (Jordan), Samuel (Allison), and Jameson; sisters Idelle and Joyce (Jerry), and numerous nephews and nieces. Art’s grandchildren remember him fondly for his joy in work and service, dedicated car washing, and devotion to Scripture and prayer.

A special thanks to Doctors McAree, Divic, Vander Heide, and Pettijohn, and the entire Hospice staff and Comfort Keepers for their compassionate care.

Due to COVID 19, private services will be held. Memorial contributions in memory of Art may be given to Second Christian Reformed Church (Grand Haven), and Christian Haven Home. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.sytsemaf.com



Tribute Wall

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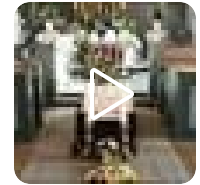
Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services shared a **Video**.



June 4 at 12:17 PM



Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services shared a **Graveside Service**.



June 5 at 1:00 PM



Colleen Mccarthy posted:

My interaction with Mr. Ruiter was the many times he came to see my Dad, Dudley Nedervelt. He was so thoughtful and so compassionate. He truly had a big heart and wanted the best for my Dad. I am so sorry for your loss, Mrs. Ruiter. Colleen (Nedervelt) McCarthy

June 11 at 4:04 PM



Kim Siple posted:

My sympathy to Art's family. I knew Arthur from his many donations of baked goods to Christian Haven Home. Art would sometimes come in at the end of the breakfast meal when residents were still seated in the dining room, chat a bit with me, and ask who was new to the home. He would then seek that person out, pull up a seat, and have a talk. Sometimes Arthur would just have a seat and talk with any of the residents who were still in the dining room. Arthur was truly a servant of God, looking out for the welfare of others. I will truly miss him. Sincerely, Kim Siple

June 5 at 10:49 AM



Christian Opportunity Center sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Ruiter family.



June 5 at 6:16 AM



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LS

Lane Smith posted:

Sincere sympathy in your loss of this wonderful Christian man. He will be greatly missed! Lane & Elaine Smith

June 5 at 4:37 AM

BV

Beverly And Terry Velik lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

Our thoughts Carole are with you and your Family. Art was a good friend to me (Bev) and very supportive, we were good friends in Christ . Well done Art a good and faithful servant. You are being welcomed Home for sure but will be missed Thanks for all the good things you did Bev and Terry Velik



June 4 at 3:20 PM

LO

Love From, Laura And Andy Otto sent a Tender Tribute to the Ruiter family.



June 4 at 9:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Ruiter family.



June 4 at 9:09 AM

JC

Jeff Clark posted:

I had the honor of getting to know Art very recently. He was an amazing human being with an incredible ability to positively impact everyone around him. Heaven gained a great one when Art arrived! Jeff Clark

June 4 at 6:47 AM

VF

Virginia M. Fraire sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Ruiter family.



June 3 at 5:09 PM



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Cira Montoya Olson lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

My sincere condolences on Mr. Arthur Ruiter's passing. Please accept my thoughts and prayers. Cira Montoya Olson

June 3 at 12:06 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Ruiter family.

June 3 at 11:13 AM



Vic posted:

Leaving this troubled world and entering a world without sickness , crying , sighing , or dying had to be for Art the ultimate blessing of having had the high privilege serving his Lord through these many years in his waik these many years to the Promised Land .Vic & Ruth Bajema

June 3 at 9:08 AM



Carolyn Boersma posted:

I am so grateful for Art's (and Carol's) dedicated service to Spring Lake Township for 20+ years as election workers. His soft spoken wisdom and encouragement was a blessing to me. He will be missed. Carol and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Carolyn Boersma

June 3 at 8:38 AM



Paul And Deb Lindemulder posted:

We are so sorry for your loss, Carole and family, of your dear husband and our friend. He was one of our prayer warriors for over 18 years and meant so much to us. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you continue life without your dear husband and best friend. God has been and will continue to be faithful to you in all things.

June 3 at 8:21 AM



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Majo Arredondo lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

June 3 at 8:09 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Ruiter family.

June 3 at 7:44 AM



Didier And Gisela lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

Our deepest condolences to the family upon the passing of Mr. Arthur Ruiter. May he rest in peace and his life celebrated by all who knew him.

June 3 at 7:31 AM



Luis Zuniga posted:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not onto your own understanding...Prov 3:5. Our deepest condolences goes out to you...--- Zuniga Family

June 3 at 7:22 AM



Rosemary Landa lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

June 3 at 7:15 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

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



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