



Roger W. Kolkema

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Roger Kolkema, age 82, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2025. Born on March 2, 1943, in Muskegon, Roger lived a remarkable life, and his vibrant spirit left an impression on everyone he encountered. With laughter, stability, playfulness, generosity, and grit, he will forever be remembered for the mark he left on the lives around him.

Above all, Roger cherished Linda, his loving wife and constant companion of 59 years. Together they raised seven children, his greatest accomplishment: Matt (Tanya), Leanne, Jason, Joy (Jim) Alberts, Jamie (Brian) Lang, Nicole (Shane) Allis, and Michael. Roger was also a proud grandfather to 11 grandchildren: Derek (Jenny), Colin (McKenzie), Logan, Max and Estella, Jacob and Silas Alberts, Amelia, Charlie and Henry Allis, and Thomas Lang; and four great-grandchildren: Emersyn, Kaden, Dylan and Mia, each of whom brought him endless pride and happiness.

A proud Marine, Roger honorably served his country before building a successful business, Kolkema Fabricating. He was a respected figure in the Fruitport community, where his spirit and contributions will continue to resonate for years to come.

Roger's sharp sense of humor was one of his greatest gifts. Always quick with a punchline, he found pleasure in making others laugh and brought humor to everyday moments. His legacy of love, laughter, and resilience will live on through his family and all who knew him.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Roger's life on Friday, September 5, 2025, at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St, Norton Shores, MI, 49444. The Memorial Service will take place at 2:00 PM, with a time of visitation taking place an hour prior. Following the service, a Celebration of Life will be held at The Fruitport Eagles #3666, 3354 South Dangl Road, Fruitport, MI, 49444.

As Roger loved to say: "I'm Roger Kolkema, how do you like me so far?"
We love you, Roger, and will always remember you with a smile.



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In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The Harbor Hospice Foundation or The Wounded Warrior Project.



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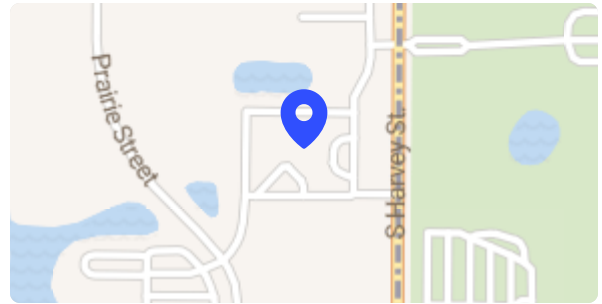
Memorial Visitation

Friday, September 5, 2025

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel

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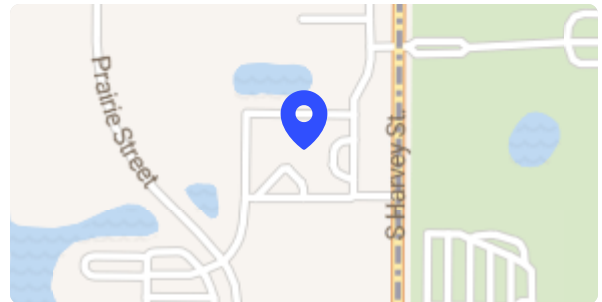
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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Kolkema family.

September 4 at 2:08 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Roger.

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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kolkema family.

September 3 at 12:34 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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