



## Gilbert V. "Gil" Vanderberg

March 8, 1931 - October 13, 2021

Gilbert V. "Gil" Vanderberg, Jr. 90, of Grand Haven, died Wednesday, October 13, 2021, in Allendale.

He was born March 8, 1931, in Muskegon to Gilbert V. Vanderberg, Sr., and Florence L. (Swanson) Vanderberg. He married his wife of 67 years, Virginia A. Mudgett, in Muskegon in 1954.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; son, Alan G. "Al" Vanderberg (Leslie); daughter Margaret L. "Mitzi" Monroe (Randy Monroe) of Springfield, OH; grandchildren, Samantha Vanderberg, of Ventura, CA Peter Vanderberg, Anna Vanderberg and Amy Vanderberg, of Grand Rapids, MI Stephen Monroe (Crystal) and Jonathan Monroe, both of Springfield, OH; sister-in-law, Delores Vanderberg of Farmington Hills; nieces, Lisa (Vanderberg) Kelly of Toronto, Canada, and Vicki (Vanderberg) Kosowan of Farmington, MI and two great-grandchildren, Noah and Emily Monroe of Springfield, OH. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Vernon L. Vanderberg of Farmington, MI.

Gil was a member of the Vanderberg Fisheries commercial fishing family that plied the waters of Lake Michigan for four generations from Grand Haven, Muskegon and other ports and prior to that in the Netherlands. He often worked on the tugs until he left for college where he completed bachelor and master's degrees in Vocational Arts at Michigan State College and University and the General Motors Institute. He was a passionate Spartan fan throughout his life. Gil was a teacher at Grand Haven High School for 40 years and enjoyed overseeing ticket sales for sporting events, the Plymouth Trouble Shooting Team, and the drivers education program. He also served for 30-years as the President of the Ottawa County School Employees Credit Union.

Gil delighted in the company of his family and friends and will be greatly missed by many.

The funeral for Gil will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 16, 2021, at The VanZantwick Chapel with Pastor Todd Schmidt officiating. Friends may meet the family

from 4 – 7 p.m. on Friday, October 15, at The VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 620 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, Michigan 49417. Memorials to Hospice of North Ottawa Community are appreciated. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com).

# Cemetery

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**Lake Forest  
Cemetery**  
1304 Lake Ave.  
Grand Haven, MI,  
49417

# Events

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- OCT 15**

**Visitation**

04:00PM - 07:00PM

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The VanZantwick Chapel  
620 Washington, Grand Haven, MI, US, 49417
- OCT 16**

**Funeral**

10:00AM

The VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services  
620 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, MI, US, 49417

# Comments

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“ Recently I came down with a pretty bad cold and even though people are wearing masks I don't feel well enough to come out. I had Gil as an instructor in high school and loved the class. When I returned home and took over my father's dental practice Gil came into the practice. Living down the street we were neighbors. I never saw a man work so hard on gathering leaves like he did! He wanted to make sure I knew about the subdivision bylaws that gave the right to all home owners access to the bayou. He was as straight a shooter as you could find and I admired him for that. He always had a dry sense of humor which I appreciated and was more aware of things going on than one might think he would be! I will miss him. John Leitner DDS

**John Leitner** - October 16, 2021 at 01:07 PM

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“ Oh, the conversations we had over the years! First always, what his children were doing and how very proud he was of them. And then every topic you can think of - education, politics, everyday life. We were sure we'd solved many problems and were well aware how much we laughed through it all. Condolences to the family on this sad loss.

**Craig Powers** - October 15, 2021 at 05:48 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gilbert V. "Gil" Vanderberg.



October 14, 2021 at 09:54 PM

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“ Mr. Vanderberg was my drivers training instructor. Lots of patience since I was only girl in the car.

**Linda Brock** - October 14, 2021 at 10:21 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gilbert V. "Gil" Vanderberg.



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“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Gilbert V. "Gil" Vanderberg.



October 13, 2021 at 10:25 PM