

## God's Transformational Power

**ANSHU KACCHAP'S** life had been one of uncertainty and instability.

Born and raised in a non-Christian family in northern India, Kacchap and her two younger brothers lost their parents at a very young age. Their grandmother took care of them until she too died when the children were still young.

The siblings then went to live with their aunt, who treated them as servants. Kacchap had to do all the household chores just so she and her siblings could get something to eat at the end of the day.

Kacchap wanted to study but had no money to pay the school fees. As a child, she went to work as a domestic helper to support herself and her brothers. Although life was difficult, she and her brothers eventually enrolled in school.

During her school days, Kacchap heard about Jesus. "Something in my heart continuously reminded me of the love of Jesus," said Kacchap.

She eventually completed school, including college, then took a nursing course and found work as a nurse. Still, Kacchap had a sense of emptiness in her life.

"I always had this vacuum and longed for truth," said Kacchap. "Though I was worshiping my gods, so much turmoil troubled my life. I began to get restless and longed for fellowship."

A friend invited Kacchap to a house fellowship where she began to grow in faith. "Jesus gave me peace and rest," she said. "I know now that he is the true and trustworthy God."

Kacchap desired to grow deeper in her faith and knowledge of God. Searching for Christian resources that could help her grow, she visited the office of Good Books Educational Trust, a partner in India of Back to God Ministries International (BTGMI).

There she discovered the *Masihi Ahwan* (*Christian Calling*) magazine and a Bible correspondence course. She enrolled in the Bible study.

As Kacchap continues to grow in faith, she told the Hindi ministry leader for BTGMI, she has more compassion for people like her who have suffered without Christ. "I desire everyone to know Jesus' love," she testified. "He is the only one who can give eternal rest and joy."

Kacchap desires prayer for her family, including the aunt who mistreated her as a child, to come to Christ.



Anshu deepened her faith through fellowship with other believers and a Bible study correspondence class.

—Nancy Vander Meer,  
Back to God Ministries International

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**General**

**20 YEARS IN MINISTRY** With gratitude to God, the congregation of the Silver Spring Christian Reformed Church (Md.) is celebrating Rev Douglas and Mrs Diane Bratt's 20th anniversary of ministry with us.

**MEETINGS OF CLASSIS**

**CLASSIS ZEELAND** will meet on Thursday, September 20, at 4PM, at the Drenthe CRC. Agenda deadline is August 8. REV. RON MEYER, S. C.

**CHURCH'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

**BETHANY CRC** - Bellflower, CA is celebrating our 75th Anniversary. Please come and celebrate with us on September 8 & 9. Details are available at www.bethanycrc.org or (562) 866-1812.

**Retirement**

**JERRY HOEK** (Calvin Seminary 83) will retire after 26 years as pastor of Faith CRC, Nashville. A special homecoming service is planned for September 2, 2018. He formerly served as pastor of Peace CRC-Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from 83 to 92. Jerry and his wife Claire will remain in Nashville, near their children and grandchildren, and plan to travel as her health permits.

**REV. DR. JOHN A. ALGERA** Madison Avenue CRC celebrates the retirement of the Rev. Dr. John A. Algera after 40 years of faithful ministry! We will have a retirement dinner on Fri. Aug. 10, 2018 at 7:00pm at The Bethwood in Totowa, NJ. For tickets or to purchase an ad or give to the love offering or to send your fondest memory, please go to the church website www.macrc.org or contact the Committee Chair Lenore Maine @ lmlyvette@gmail.com or call 973-279-3132.

**Miscellaneous**

**HYMNALS** Crownpoint Christian Reformed Church on the Navajo Reservation is looking for Worship His Majesty hymnals, published by Gaither Music Company, copyright 1987. If your church has a box of these that is not being used, please contact Anna Christensen @ kip.anna.c@gmail.com.

**CLEANING HELP WANTED** Retired physician and wife have downsized to condo and need house cleaning help 3 to 4 hours per week. Our last lady was with us for over 15 years. References required. Reply by e-mail to barrl@msu.edu or by phone to 616-774-2894.

**Church Positions Available**

**SEEKING PASTOR** Prairie Lane CRC in Omaha, Nebraska is seeking a fulltime lead pastor to start immediately. Please contact Mike Hostetler for information: 402-981-2648 mike@hostetlerhome.com

**PASTOR** - After a thoughtful transitional process, FELLOWSHIP CHURCH in west Toronto seeks to implement an exciting new ministry strategy and is inviting a teaching pastor to join them on this journey. We want to build on our strengths of a strong and vibrant internal community to grow in faith and capacity as we reach out to serve our neighbourhood and city. In close collaboration with our new Ministry Director, our prospective pastor will pursue a holistic ministry that encompasses both personal discip-

ship and social concerns, equipping our members to serve in God's Kingdom, as articulated in a healthy Reformed world view. We want to share the message of Christ's saving love for people and the whole creation. We intend to partner with other local churches and ministries that share our vision wherever possible. Proven ability to inspire the congregation through teaching the Word in an experiential manner within a diverse and multicultural environment is required. Please contact Bill van Geest at billvangeest@gmail.com for more information by June 15, 2018. Website: www.fellowshiptobeticoke.com

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES** Modesto, CA CRC is seeking a full time Director of Youth Ministries. See detailed description at http://www.modestorcrc.org

**SEEKING PASTOR** Covenant CRC in Sioux Center, IA invites a pastor to walk with us as we seek to deepen our unity and our mission. A superb candidate will be committed to the Reformed faith and to excellent preaching and teaching. He or she will enjoy ministering to persons of all ages, thrive through collaborative and creative planning, and will work with us to develop a unifying vision. He/she will seek to foster community within the congregation and send us out in service. Contact the Search Committee at dennis.vanderplaats@dordt.edu or call 712-449-8203.

**PASTOR:** Gateway Community CRC in beautiful Abbotsford, BC is seeking a full time Pastor of Preaching and Congregational Care for our congregation of 745 members. We are seeking a people-oriented individual who has a strong desire to faithfully preach the Word, nourish the spiritual growth of the congregation through pastoral care and teaching and to join an energetic team. Visit gatewaycrc.org for church profile and full ministry role description. Contact Marcel deRegt, Executive Pastor, at marcel@gatewaycrc.org or call 604-859-5908

**YOUTH DIRECTOR** Calvin CRC in Holland, MI is looking to hire a PT Youth Director to love and disciple our youth. Inquire to dspeolma@calvinministries.org to ask for a job description, compensation details, and to set up an interview.

**PART-TIME YOUTH DIRECTOR** Lakeside Community CRC in Alto, MI is seeking a youth director to lead our high school and middle school ministries. Must love Jesus, love students, and be able to teach from the Bible. For more info, contact Dave Bosscher at pastordave@lakesidecommunity.org.

**BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH** of Edmonton is looking for someone to come alongside our Lead Pastor in a dynamic pastoral team. Key responsibilities would include small groups/house churches, young adults, and preaching, with other responsibilities to be determined based on the selected individuals gifts in consultation with the Lead Pastor. An experienced, ordained individual is preferred, but we are open to the Holy Spirit's surprises and will welcome applications from other capable people, even if unordained. Check out discoverbethel.com for more information about our growing and increasing multicultural church. Email info@discoverbethel.com to send a resume or make inquiries

**PASTOR** we at First CRC of Allendale, MI are looking for a lead pastor to help us connect with God in Worship, to Grow our faith, and to Serve our community. If you are interested in sharing your faith and story with us, please contact our search committee at: SearchCom@firstallendalecrc.org.

**PASTOR** Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, Michigan, a rural community that is growing. We are seeking someone that is devoted to Biblically Sound preaching while striving to build Quality Relationships with members of all ages and needs. Someone who also has a strong desire for community Outreach and Evangelism Please send letters of inquiry to Jim Folkersma, President of Council. Call 616-240-1890, or Email at JJFolke@comcast.net or the church office at Office@calvarylowell.org.

**DIACONAL COORDINATOR** Classis Zeeland is looking for a skilled and enthusiastic Coordinator for the Classis Zeeland Diaconal Conference. This paid position requires approximately ten hours per week with flexible scheduling. For a detailed job description and application process, please contact Rev. Mark Neymeijer at neyfamily6@juno.com or 616-895-6735.

**DIRECTOR** Living Hope Community Church, Fox Lake, WI, is seeking a full-time employee serving as the Director of Worship Arts and other ministry responsibilities. Visit livinghopefoxlake.com for more details.

**SEEKING PASTOR** - Team Ministry Immanuel CRC in the growing city of Hamilton, ON is seeking a full time Pastor - Pastoral Care and Outreach. This pastor will be part of collaborative team ministry in a co pastor model. We encourage interested individuals to review the job description at the Immanuel CRC website. Send cover letter and resume as email attachments to searchteam@immanuelministries.com

**PASTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP/YOUTH** Community Christian Reformed Church of Roselawn, Indiana, is seeking to fill a newly created position in the areas of discipleship and youth. A detailed job description for this position can be found on our website at cccroselawn.com.

**WORSHIP LEADER** The Ann Arbor CRC is looking for an individual to help plan, facilitate, and lead worship services. This individual will help the AACRC learn the language of reformed worship through practice and participation. And, help create a culture of hospitality and openness in our worship services. Contact hr@aacrc.org for more information.

**EXEC. DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS** Sunlight Community Church in Port Saint Lucie, Florida is seeking a seasoned executive to manage the administrative and business functions of this dynamic, growing church (www.sunlightcc.org). For more information, contact Jay Smit at 772-398-2579 (jay@sunlightcc.org) or Scott Vander Ploeg at 772-879-6326 (scott@sunlightcc.org).

**PASTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP** CrossPoint Church, Chino, CA (35 mi E of Los Angeles) is seeking a Pastor of Discipleship. Visit www.crosspointcrcweb.org/employment to obtain a Ministry Description and Church Profile.

**LEAD PASTOR POSITION** Britt, IA CRC is searching for a full time lead pastor. Interested persons should contact the search committee at cburrscollins@gmail.com or view our website www.brittcrc.org for more information.

**MT. VIEW CRC** in Lynden, Washington is seeking a full-time Senior Pastor to shepherd our flock of 120 professing members. For more information on this position please contact Kevin Sterk, Search Committee Chairman, at kdkidsncows@frontier.com

**TWO CO-PASTORS** Desiring to grow in our faith and mission, Woody Nook CRC in Lacombe, AB is seeking to call two pastors. We desire to have a team of three co-pastors who

will share the tasks of preaching, teaching and pastoral care while each pastor will provide organizational leadership for a key area: Preaching & Worship, Faith Formation or Community Development. If you wish to begin this conversation or have more information, you are invited to contact: Search Committee: [wncrc.calling@gmail.com](mailto:wncrc.calling@gmail.com), Pastor Dayna Vreeken or Pastor Neil de Koning

## Anniversaries

### 70TH ANNIVERSARY

**BRASSER** Roger & Ruth, will be celebrating their 70 wedding anniversary this coming August 7th. Celebrating with them will be their four children, Wayne (Chris), Karen (Larry), Verna (Dan) and Harvey (MaryAnna), 9 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren. The Lord's faithfulness has been wonderful. Address: 2479 So Clermont St., Apt 331, Denver, CO 80222



**TELLINGHUISEN**, Ray & Sadie (Kok) 402 Kandiyohi Ave, Prinsburg, MN, 56281 will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on August 24. Children: Marge (Perry) Breems, Phyllis (Paul) Moes, 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren. We love you both! You have been such a gift to us and we thank God for His love, faithfulness and blessings in all of our lives!

### 65TH ANNIVERSARY

**VANDER ARK** Gordon and Saramae, of 7131 Union SE, Grand Rapids, MI. June 18, 1953. Children: Kris and Ed Timmer, Steve and Mitzi, Dave and Theresa, Jill and David Martin, Heidi and Jeff Wenke. 18 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren. We thank God for 65 years of God's faithfulness.

### 60TH ANNIVERSARY

**EBBERS** Gerhard and Teuny (Stolker) of 1909 Mapledale Court, Sheboygan, WI 53081. July 26th 2018. Celebrating God's abundant Love and Grace. Congratulations Mom and Dad. We Love you. Gerald and Yvonne. Marilyn, Joyce and Tom Nagel, Rick and Gwen, Ken and Lucinda. Your 10 grandchildren and 4 great -grandchildren.

**VAN ZYTVELD** Jack & Jane (Volkema) 2105 Raybrook SE #5030 Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Celebrating their June 28 anniversary were their children: James (Marlise), Don, David (Karen) Grandchildren: Jonathan, Matthew (Allison), Katherine, Rachel, Cecilia, Henry. Great grand-daughters: Makenna, Kendall. The LORD's love & faithfulness stand firm forever. Ps 89:2.

**KOEKOEK** Arnold & Carol (Bouma), of 1132 1st Ave SE, Sioux Center, IA 51250, will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 18, 2018. Celebrating with them are their four children, Jeanne (Dan), Alan, Suzanne (Lanny), Adele (Michael), 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. God is so good!

**ZYLSTRA** Doc (Ron) & Joyce of Lynden, WA celebrate 60 years of marriage on August 20. Love, Your kids Lauren & Doreen, Dean & Karrin, Tim & Michelle, Tom & Bridget, 14 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren & daughter in-law Trisha & grandbaby Fletcher in heaven. Praise Him from whom all blessings flow!

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**VAN TIL** Sam and Judy (Koning) of Crown Point, IN will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 11, 2018. Children: Cheryl and Steven Putt, Doug and Amanda Van Til, Curt and Kara Marcus, and Jana Van Til. Grandchildren Sam, Joseph, David, Grace, Joshua, and Mabel. We praise God for his faithfulness and thank him for his many blessings.

**HOWERZYL** Jim and Eileen (Scholten) Howerzyl will celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 5. Their 4 children,

spouses, and 9 grandchildren join them in praising God for his faithfulness!



**ERDMAN** Chuck and Donna of Elmhurst, IL celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 21st, 2018. We are thankful for God's faithfulness throughout the years! With love, Chuck & Jackie (Devin, Zack), Christy & Bob (Jake, Luke, Charles, Carson), Caryn & Richard.

## Birthdays

### 100TH BIRTHDAY

**LILLIAN DEBOER** The children and family of Lillian DeBoer (nee Dykstra), born July 29, will be celebrating her 100th birthday at Sunset Manor, where she is still living independently. "Mom," "Grandma," "Sis," and "Aunt Lil" is loved and appreciated by her children, grand-, great, and great-great grandchildren, one brother, three sisters-in-law, and a number of nieces and nephews. Greetings can be sent to her at Sunset Manor, Apartment 1061, Jenison, MI 49128

### 95TH BIRTHDAY

**RUTH (STEVENS) FONDSE** July 25. Her life shows the fruit of God's Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Her family, fellow-worshippers, friends and neighbors all know this truth. She continues to praise God in singing and playing the piano at Christ Community Church in Sheboygan. She lives and gardens at 1612 N 2nd St, Sheboygan, WI 53081

**GLADYS I. (KOOI) GRITTER** of 2121 Raybrook Ave. SE Apt. 362 Grand Rapids, MI. 49546 will celebrate her 95th birthday on July 23. Her children: Bob and Ruth, Ken and Mari, Cindy and Vince Gargagliano, Judy and Jim Kleinwolterink, her grandchildren, and her great grandchildren are grateful for her Christian love and example. There will an open house at the Raybrook Friendship Room on Saturday July 21 from 2-4 P. M.

## Obituaries



**BAKER**, John H. died on April 21, 2018, at the age of 91. Born May 29, 1926, he grew up on a dairy farm in Uxbridge, Massachusetts. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan and an M. D. from Tufts University Medical School. While at Calvin, he met Marilyn J. Orlebeke, and they married in December 1955. While Whitinsville was and would remain his beloved hometown, Dr. Baker had a strong interest in the wider world, and in 1963 he joined the Foreign Service of the U. S. Department of State as a medical officer. Over the course of his Foreign Service career, Dr. Baker received the Department of State's Superior Honor Award three times and served in various places including Moscow, Beijing, Yemen and Afghanistan. After John retired from the State Department in the fall of 1989, he and Marilyn returned to Whitinsville. John and Marilyn were active members of Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church. In 2013 they moved to Salisbury, Maryland, where their daughter Ruth Baker and son-in-law Maarten Pereboom live. Marilyn passed away in May 2015. Dr. Baker is survived by his younger sister, Helen Dykstra of Danville, New Jersey, his son David and daughter-in-law Mary Lucasse of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and their sons Joe and Alex, his son Paul of Chicago, Illinois, and Paul's daughters Hannah and Rachel, and Ruth and Maarten and their sons Max and Ben. A memorial service for John and Marilyn Baker will be held in Whitinsville, MA at the Pleasant Street CRC on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 11:00 am. Per their wishes, their ashes will be interred at Pine Grove Cemetery in the Town of Northbridge, Massachusetts.

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**BOERSMA** Catherine "Kay" (Triezenberg) of Grand Rapids, MI, age 98, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Boersma and her daughter-in-law, Susan Boersma. She is survived by her children Jim (Kathy) Boersma, Lin (Dave) Hoeksema, Bob (Sharon) Boersma, Jan (Bob) Schelhaas and Laurie (Dave) Monet, 17 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

**BOOT** Marjorie, passed away on Friday, May 25, 2018 in Grand Rapids, MI. Marjorie is predeceased by her husband, Robert E. Boot. She is survived by daughters Sheri (Chuck) Ippel of Grand Rapids, MI and Susan Meyerer of Sandia Park, NM; son Scott (Sue) Boot of Kalamazoo, MI; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

**BUTEYN**, Dorothy F. (Slagter), 82, of Minneapolis, MN, went home to be with her Lord on April 30, 2018. Preceded in death by her husband, Donald J., grandson, Nathaniel Kromminga, her parents, and siblings. She will be dearly missed by her children, Mary, Robert, and Elizabeth; their spouses; and grandchildren Margaret and Abigail Kromminga, John Buteyn and Jean Johnson (Buteyn) and spouses, and Benjamin and Caroline Van Hoever. Her family misses her faithful and frequent prayers on their behalf, gives thanks for her life, and looks forward this summer to the arrival of her two great-granddaughters, the anticipation of which brought her great joy. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gifts.

**DE JONG** Dr. George De Jong went to be with his Lord on April 8, 2018. He had celebrated his 100th birthday January 7, 2018. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 54 years, Agnes, (nee Van Soest). He is loved and missed by his children Shirley (Dr Ron) Stavinga, Judy (the late John) Van Vossen and Bruce (Diane) De Jong and his six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and their families and by his many nieces and nephews and his sister-

in-law, Helen Mc Fall. We thank God for his 100 years of steadfast faithfulness.

**FEIKEMA** Roger went to Heaven on June 8, 2018. He was born in Highland, Indiana on November 5, 1933 and relocated to Bradenton, Florida with his family in 1977 after having honeymooned there with his bride Evelyn in September of 1957. Roger awaits a joyful reunion in Heaven with those he leaves behind: his loving wife Evelyn; his children Donna and Jeff Brussee; David and Heather Feikema; Dianne and Mark Pickhardt; and Denise Feikema; along with his twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

**FRIEND** Norma Jean (Omta) 85, of Sunnyside, Washington, went to be with her Lord and Savior on February 12, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, Nicholas Friend. She will be missed by her children, Nick (Cathy) Friend, Judy (Ron) Boersma, Nanci (Jim) Campbell, Jim Friend, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her life of service was a blessing to many.



**HOFMAN**, Cobi, nee Jorritsma, age 87 died in the Lord on May 31, 2018 in Grand Rapids, MI, predeceased by Rev. Tymen Hofman after 55 years of marriage. Surviving sons Jim and Bev Hofman of Palos Park, IL, Ron and Heidi Hofman of Grand Rapids, MI, Ken and Sandy Hofman of Grand Rapids, MI. She had 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Surviving siblings are sisters Jeanette Van Grouw, Sharlene Tjaarda and brothers George (Marvelee) and Bill (Janet) Jorritsma, and in-laws Jim and Doll Strikwerda, Bertha Hofman, Joanne Hofman. She lived a life of faithful service and knew her true hope in Jesus. Memorial contributions to Tymen and Cobi Hofman Scholarship Fund, Calvin Seminary.



**IWEMA** Jennie, nee Voss, age 88, went to be with her Lord and Savior on June 8, 2018. Longtime resident of Willowbrook, IL. Born and raised in Oak Lawn, IL. Beloved wife for 64 years to the late Henry "Ike" Iwema (2015). Loving mother of June (Jan) VanderLeest, John (Maria), Grace (Bill) Schaaafsma, Mary (Ken) Buys, Sharon (Michael) Tafoya, Henry Jr. (Ardythe), Paul, and Christine (Jim) Buitter. Dear mother-in-law of the late Paul Powers. Cherished grandmother of 22 and great-grandmother of 32. Fond sister of Grace (Henry) Kamp, Peter (Louetta) Voss and the late Jacob (late Johanna) Voss, Henry (late Grace) Voss, Sadie (late Rich) Smits, Ted (Peggy) Voss, John (late Fran) Voss, Ann (late Clarence) Haak, and Marie Pierik. Dear sister-in-law and aunt of many.



**LUCASSE** Philip R., age 90, passed away May 5, 2018 in Grand Rapids, Michigan surrounded by his family. Phil is survived by his wife of 64 years, Carolyn, daughter Anne Lucasse and son-in-law Mark Wiersma of Jos, Nigeria; daughter Mary Lucasse and son-in-law David Baker of Chapel Hill and their sons Joe and Alex; daughter Susan Lucasse of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Anne's daughter Caitlin Brauer, her husband Max and their daughter Anna of Baltimore, Maryland, and Anne's son's Timothy Shannon and his wife, Kristin of Lansing Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to Camp Roger or the Fuller Ave CRC Global Outreach Fund.

**MULDER** Edwin T., age nearly 80, of Munster, IN, passed away March 4, 2018. Beloved husband for 58 years to Helen (Vande Kamp). Loving father of Douglas (Barbara), Mark (Tami), Phil (Kim) and Heidi (Robert) Van Kuiken. Blessed



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with 13 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. To God be the Glory.

**RIBBENS** Clarice (Vande Kieft), 95, of Blacksburg, VA, died peacefully on May 16, 2018. She was predeceased by her parents, Rev. John & Katie (Bogard) Vande Kieft, her sisters, Marjorie & Ruth, & her husband of 60 years, Rev. William Ribbens. She is survived by her children, Marjorie (Jim) Gray, Greenbelt, MD, Nancy Jager, Washington, NH, Bill (Martha) Ribbens, Belding, MI, Joyce (Dave) Campbell, Greenbelt, MD, Cal (Kathy) Ribbens, Blacksburg, VA, 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren. "To God be the glory."

**SLAGER** Ralph E. of Grand Rapids, MI, passed away on Sunday, May 6, 2018. His wife, Harriet (VanderKlok), predeceased him in 2017. He is survived by his children, Dan, Dutch, and Ruth (John) Lemmenes; grandsons Berant (Heather), David, and Matthew; and great-grandsons Michael and Cole.

**STEK** Nadine Ruth, age 91, of Grand Rapids, MI, went to be with her Lord on Friday, May 11, 2018. Preceded in death by her husband, Rev. John Stek, and her daughter, Ruth Paauwe, Nadine is survived by her children Douglas and Lisa Stek, Stanley and Cyndy Stek, David and Janice Stek; her son-in-law Douglas Paauwe; 17 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; brother Marvin (Jeanette) DeBruin; and her sister Evelyn (Thaymer) Jonker.

**TIEMERSMA** Adriana "Ada" Johanna Dekker (nee Tiemersma) lived in the Chicago area all her 101 ½ years, finishing her earthly sojourn on May 23, the last of her siblings to die. Widowed of her beloved husband John Adrian Dekker in 1984, she leaves behind children Marilyn (Peter) Roeters, Beth "Betsy" (Henry) Kluck, Rev. James (Rose) Dekker, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and aunt of many nieces and nephews. Re-named "Great Dekker" by first great-grandchild Stephanie, many fittingly and endearingly so addressed her since. When asked why she visited Oak Forest Hospital monthly on Sundays for 50 years, Mom

claimed "I'm working for stars in my crown," even though she knew Grace knows no stars, just grateful, imperfect saints like she was. In fact, her last words for some time before Jesus welcomed her were "Thank you" and "Good." It doesn't get any better than that. Thanks be to God.

**VAN EEK ELLEN** (Ploegstra), Burlington, ON. On May 11, 2018, the Lord in his infinite wisdom took Ellen, age 86, from Arie, her husband of 64 years, after a lifetime of partnership in ministry. Selfless mom of Calvin (Gloria), Jane (George Nieuwenhuis), Esther (Simon du Toit), Shirlene (Michael Abma), John (Julie). Loving grandma of 22 and devoted great-grandma of 4. Faithful sister to her only remaining sibling, Thelma Drenth, and to her identical twin, the late Shirley Hesselink and four other siblings who preceded her. Many remaining extended family members also mourn her death. Memorial contributions to Friendship Ministries or The Bible League. Arie now lives at #212, 3290 New St., Burlington, ON L7N 1M8.

**VOGEL** Cora, passed away May 13, 2018 in Bloomer, WI. She was born July 1, 1924 near Fremont, MI, the daughter of Peter and Nellie Geldhof Vogel. After graduation from 8th grade she worked odd jobs in the Fremont area. Later she attended the Reformed Bible Institute and worked as a "Bible woman" with the Navajo people in New Mexico. She then continued her education completing high school by correspondence, and graduating from Calvin College, becoming a school teacher. She taught Christian schools in Fremont, MI, Paterson, NJ and Oak Lawn, IL. She did administrative work at the Reformed Bible College and Calvin College. Before retiring she worked in adult education in the West Michigan area. Upon retirement she was busy many years as a volunteer in Guinea, West Africa; in Kentucky, Mississippi, and in Micronesia. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and two sisters. Although she never married she had many brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who know she continues her life of faith and work in God's eternal Kingdom.



**YONKER** Dorothy A., nee Persenaire, age 94, went to be with her Lord and Savior on May 23, 2018. Beloved wife for 73 years to Wendell. Loving mother of Wendy Sue (Eric) Van Vugt, Thomas (Judy) Yonker and the late Cathy (David) Larsen. Cherished grandmother of Joshua (Deborah) Larsen, Anne (David) Vander Weele and Cate Jamison; Erin (Craig) Haan, Heather (Austin) Ramirez and Timothy Van Vugt; Jennifer (Chad) Harris, Kyle (Heather) Yonker and Chad (Lorien) Yonker. Dearest great-grandmother of 20. Fond sister of Phillip Charles (Phyllis) Persenaire, Donna (John) Leo and the late Betty (late Conrad) Douma, Phyllis (late John) Groot, Jean (John) Rosier, June (late Earl) Wolff. Kind sister-in-law of Kenneth (late Mary) Yonker and the late Norris (late Peggy) Yonker. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews.

### Employment

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