



## Bernard James Kamphuis

December 10, 1939 - June 22, 2017

Bernard James Kamphuis aged 77, passed away on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at his home on Emerson Lake in Branch. Bernard was born on December 10, 1939 in Zeeland, the son of Nicholas and Frances (Bareman) Kamphuis, and married Betty Lou Kraai on May 2, 1959 at Third Christian Reformed Church in Zeeland, celebrating 58 years by each other's side. Bernard operated the Kamphuis Brothers Construction Company in Holland with his brother Jerry for many years before retiring to his home on Emerson Lake, where he was able to enjoy his love of fishing.

Bernard will be greatly missed by his wife Betty; his children Steven Kamphuis and wife Lauri of Grand Haven, Kevin Kamphuis and wife Nancy of Hudsonville, and Kari Vander Warf and husband Todd of Chattanooga, TN; his grandchildren Alicia & Jeff Kouw and children Nicholas, Johnathan, and Jacob; Allison Duran and children Dominic Kamphuis, Destiny, Anthony, and Isabella; Kayleigh and William Bruinsma and children Dirk, Henry, and Levi; Emily and Jon Bluml, and Chad Kamphuis; Nicole and Andrew Kiel and son Gerrit; Amanda and Jamie Mott and children Kaiden and Alexa; Kelsi and Heath Lisk and sons Braxton and Nolan and Becki VanderWarf. Bernard will also be remembered by his brothers Bud (Beth) Kamphuis, Frank Kamphuis, and Jerry (Dottie) Kamphuis; his sisters-in-law Glady Bos, Crystal Baum, Norrie Bennett, and Joan Zwagerman; his brothers-in-law Cliff (Darlene) Kraai, Bob (Vada) Kraai, and Jerry (Delores) Kraai; and numerous nieces and

nephews.

Bernard was preceded in death by his parents, his infant son Kevin Jay in 1961, and his sister Elizabeth VanKluyve.

Bernard and Betty were faithful members of Evergreen Covenant Church in Branch where a Memorial Service will be held at 11:30 am on Monday, June 26 with his pastor, Rev. Keith Foisy officiating. Friends may meet with his family prior to the service from 10:00 – 11:30 am at the church. Those who wish to remember Bernard with a memorial donation are asked to consider St. Jude Children's Hospital, or DLEA, PO Box 1786, Ocean Springs, MS 39566.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

7000 South Evergreen Road  
Branch, MI 49402

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends & Family

JUN 26. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Evergreen Chapel  
7396 South Evergreen Road  
Branch, MI 49402

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard James Kamphuis*



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**Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services** - June 25, 2017 at 09:46 PM

DB

“ *Dear Betty Kamphuis and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you in the passing of Bernie. Thank you for the e-mail sent at Merle's passing.*

*Love Bernice Cook*

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**Don & Kathy Cook for Bernice** - June 26, 2017 at 02:51 PM

JS

“ *We're so sorry for your loss. We will miss seeing Bernie out fishing on Emerson Lake.*

*Dan & Jodi Smolek*

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**Jodi Smolek** - June 26, 2017 at 08:04 AM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services** - June 25, 2017 at 08:39 PM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss, thinking of all of you at this time. Sending prayers your way. *Bruce and Shawn Beonkema*

**Bruce and Shawn Bronkema** - June 25, 2017 at 04:22 PM

LB

“ We at Emerson Lake Resort will truly miss Bernie's presence on the lake. We sure did enjoy the conversations we shared with him.

**Larry Blackburn** - June 25, 2017 at 10:28 AM

JM

“ Jim & Kim McDonough lit a candle in memory of *Bernard James Kamphuis*



**Jim & Kim McDonough** - June 24, 2017 at 03:03 PM

DB

“ I worked with Bernie quite often years ago he was a great guy to work with I would like to offer my condolences to the family . Doug Vanden Brink

doug vanden brink - June 24, 2017 at 02:59 PM

JW

“ Was a great caring Father, Husband, grandfather, great grandfather, also a great business man



John & Myan Vander Warf - June 23, 2017 at 11:11 PM

RT

“ We have lost a good neighbor. I will miss seeing Bernie walking his dog.

Ron Townsend - June 23, 2017 at 05:22 PM

MU

“ Mary Uildriks lit a candle in memory of Bernard James Kamphuis



Mary Uildriks - June 23, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bernard James Kamphuis.*



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June 23, 2017 at 11:20 AM