



Trenton M. DeJong

February 8, 1936 - December 26, 2019

DE JONG, TRENTON M, born February 8, 1936 went to meet Jesus December 26, 2019. Trent was born in South Dakota, raised in Lynden, WA, came to Grand Rapids to attend Calvin College and stayed. Survived by his wife of 48 years, Barbara, children Christopher DeJong , Robin Holbrook (Mark), Wendy Bray (David), and Joseph Reynolds (Pat), 8 grandchildren, Nicholas Holbrook (Tracy), Seana Johnson (Steve), Alyssa DeRose (Dan), Amy Pearson (Parker), Katherine Jenkins (Dustin), Jordan Reynolds, Kelly DeJong, Meghan DeJong and 8 great grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters Carol DeJong, Marilyn Glover (Roy) and brother Rod DeJong (Carol) and many nieces and nephews. Trent and his wife spent many wonderful years as Prison Fellowship volunteers leading weekend seminars and Bible studies in the Michigan prisons as well as leading worship services at the Kent County jail. Trent was an accomplished carpenter and woodworker, building houses in the Forest Hills area for various builders, but especially for John Merchant Builders. His pride and joy was building the clubhouse at Saskatoon Golf Course. Trent and Barbara for many years led a family camp each summer at Crystal Conference Center on beautiful Crystal Lake in Frankfort, MI. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate contributions to Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 for Crystal Conference Center.

Services Friday, January 3, 2020 12 Noon at Ada Bible Church, Kentwood Campus, 2045 68th Street. Visitation from 10 AM until the 12 Noon Service.

Lunch served immediately following.

Cremation services provided by Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Services,
Plymouth, MI.

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Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ada Bible Church
2045 68th St.
Kentwood Campus
Caledonia, MI 49316

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Ada Bible Church
2045 68th St.
Kentwood Campus
Caledonia, MI 49316

Tribute Wall



“ *Trenton M. DeJong*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Trenton M. DeJong.*



January 02, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Trenton M. DeJong.*



January 02, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ *Dear Barb and Family, we have such fond memories of Trent, especially from the couples group we were in many years ago at Cascade Christian Church. Trent always had wise advice for those of us parenting are young children. He was certainly a man of God and showed it in his life. He will be missed greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you*

Rita Dykhouse - January 01, 2020 at 10:49 PM

CR

I am an organist at Cascade Christian Church. Attended and worked at Calvin College and my Mom's maiden name was De Jong (from Ripon, CA). I am so aware of human connections and through the amazing LOVE of God. May that love sustain and strengthen you. Carol Rienstra

carol Rienstra - January 05, 2020 at 08:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Trenton M. DeJong.*



December 30, 2019 at 08:21 PM

RS

“ *I have such fond memories of Trent both as a neighbor and builder of my kitchen in Heritage Hill on Madison Ave. My favorite part of that kitchen? All the little drawers of varying depths he built into the corner behind the stove top! I had such fun designing that kitchen with him. He was such a gentle, fun man. I have no idea how he stood working in our house every day that summer with three little rugrats running around.*

Rob and I will always remember him with affection.

GeneAnn and Rob Schaefer

Rob & GeneAnn Schaefer - December 30, 2019 at 03:06 PM

KM

“ *Trent has stepped into Glory! I am thankful to have known him. Most thankful for his skills that blessed us with a popcorn machine cart. He will be missed but so happy to know I will see him in Heaven.*

Kim Miller - December 29, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ Unforgettable. My favorite Trent memory:
“Good morning!!!!!!!! It’s a BEAUOOOOOTIFUL day!!!!” Barb and family, rest assured that every morning gets to be beautiful for Trent for eternity.

Michelle Knight - December 29, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ I really enjoyed a few of the Prison Fellowship training workshops that I helped put on with Trent and Barb. They were wonderful volunteers!
Gail Rice

Gail Rice - December 28, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ It’s been many years, Barb. So sorry to hear about Trent. My thoughts are with you and your family. If you’re ever in GR I’d love to see you

sue hunter - December 28, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ Barb, Robin, Wendy, Joe and Chris... I’m sorry for your loss. Trent was a kind and talented man. There are so many memories from childhood of spending time with the whole DeJong family. My thoughts are with you.
Lisa Vanderveen Lopez

Lisa Vanderveen Lopez - December 28, 2019 at 11:15 AM

HK

“ I clearly remember the first ride I had with him in his "early Ford" when I was a freshman in high school and much later was so pleased that he was able to serve so many prisoners in Michigan - God has surely blessed the great work of both Trent and Barb. Blessings to all of the family during a difficult time. Harlan Kredit

Harlan Kredit - December 28, 2019 at 02:10 AM

SH

“ Believe it or not many of the Lignons, (Jerry, Fay, Sheila, Sandy and their families plus Paul and crew) are celebrating the holidays together. We just saw this notice about Trent. We are remembering all of you who loved Trent. So many happy memories of our times in Grand Rapids with you. Thinking of you all, with love !!

Sheila - December 27, 2019 at 10:29 PM

CW

I was always in awe of my older male cousin! My sympathy to Barb and to Carol, Marilyn, Rod and families!

Carolyn Wynstra - December 28, 2019 at 11:27 AM

LK

Robin and family, So sorry for your loss. Prayers!

Linda Chezem Kanoza - December 28, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ Trent is my only cousin who was older than me. But haven't had an opportunity to meet him for many years. However I remember good times when we where younger. Special memory times were when we visited the Lynden farm in 1948 and another when he drove his Crown Victoria to our South Dakota farm in summer of '54. Now that he is gone and I wish we had gotten more good times together. CJ DeLange

Cj DeLange - December 27, 2019 at 08:56 PM