



Johannes Gerardus Matthyssen

May 15, 1930 - May 16, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce that Johannes (Joop/Joe) and Hendrika (Henny) Matthyssen passed away peacefully at home surrounded by their loving family. Johannes was born on May 15, 1930 to Joannes and Gijsberta (Geurtsen) Matthijssen and passed away on May 16, 2024 at the age of 94. Hendrika (Henny) Matthyssen was born on December 28, 1930 to Anthonie and Bertha (Hazeleger) Renes and passed away on March 13, 2024 at the age of 93. They were both born in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Joe and Henny Matthyssen were married on December 2, 1954 in Utrecht. They immigrated to the U.S. in March of 1957. Shortly thereafter, Joe began his rewarding career as a Machinist/Sales Engineer at Industrial Welding Inc. (Enprotech Mechanical Services) for 34 years. In his spare time, Joe pursued his passion for soccer by playing, coaching, and refereeing soccer for more years than we can count! However, the true love of his life was always his wife, Henny. They spent 69 loving years together and often talked about how wonderful their lives have been together living in the U.S. Joe always said that his wife was "his number one!" He devoted his entire life to loving and taking care of his family.

Henny was a homemaker whose greatest passions were taking care of her wonderful family and sewing. Henny was an extremely talented self-taught seamstress and started sewing when she was only twelve years old and

continued sewing until she was 92 years old. In the Lansing area, she was a founding member of the Lansing Clippers and American Sewing Guild, and belonged to various bowling leagues. She enjoyed her volunteer work (sewing projects) and attending her children's athletic events. She loved baking, cake decorating, cooking Dutch recipes, and reading. For the last twenty years, she spent her time making beautiful quilts for her entire extended family. Each one of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have a quilt made especially for them. Her love of sewing was only surpassed by her love for her family; especially for her husband, Joop. They were soul mates and made a wonderful life together in the United States.

Joe and Henny were preceded in death by their parents; Joe's brother, Frans Matthijssen, and his sisters, Greet Matthijssen and Berta Gerritsen; and Henny's seven brothers and sisters. Joe and Henny are survived by their three children, Johanna (Brian) Haack, Yvonne (Dennis) Barens, and Johnny (Kim H.) Matthyssen; along with their eight grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. Joe and Henny are also survived by Joe's brother, Gerard (Ada) Matthijssen, his sister, Joke Matthijssen, and their sister-in-law, Johanna Matthijssen; and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family in the U.S., Canada, and The Netherlands.

Friends are encouraged to support the Matthyssen family by attending services or sharing memories on their Tribute Pages at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation for Joe and Henny is Friday, June 7, 2-4:00 PM and 6-8:00 PM at Palmer Bush and Jensen Holt Chapel, 5035 Holt Road, Holt. Memorial services are Saturday, June 8, 11:00 AM at Palmer Bush and Jensen Holt Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either of the following: Holt Public Schools to help support the Holt High School Soccer programs (donations should be mailed to the Superintendent's Office at 5780 West Holt Road, Holt, MI 48842) or to The National Kidney Foundation (www.kidney.org). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Palmer, Bush and Jensen Funeral Home - Holt
5035 Holt Road
Holt, MI 48842

Visitation

JUN 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Johannes Gerardus Matthyssen*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 05, 2024 at 01:59 PM

CM

Hi dear family Matthyssen, Here is cousin Coco (Corina) & her son Elvis from the Netherlands, watching live from Spain. Sending you much love and energy!!!

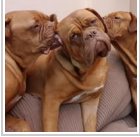
Coco Matthijssen - June 08, 2024 at 02:52 PM

TM

“ *It was my good fortune to referee Soccer with Joe for many years in the greater Lansing area. His tremendous soccer background showed what a competent and caring referee he was. Always enjoyed his great sense of humor and how he rarely took himself too seriously. A donation to the Holt Schools soccer program has been made by the Greater Lansing Areas Soccer Referees Association in Joe's name. Peace to Joe's family during this time of sadness for the loss of their Mom and Dad!*

Tom Minter

Tom Minter - June 07, 2024 at 01:52 PM



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John Gerritsen - June 06, 2024 at 03:28 PM



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John Gerritsen - June 06, 2024 at 03:24 PM

GM

“ Lieve Joop en Hennie, als kleine jongen had ik verdriet toen jullie naar Amerika vertrokken. Maar in de loop der jaren zijn er vele, mooie bezoeken aan jullie uit voortgekomen. Ook onze lieve moeder heeft vele, fijne lange vakanties bij jullie doorgebracht. En Bertha en Harry, Frans, Greet en Joke hebben daardoor hun wereldreis gemaakt! Wij hebben grote bezienswaardigheden in Amerika mogen bezoeken. Dank daarvoor!
Jullie waren een voorbeeld van hoe een huwelijk moet zijn. In lief en leed.
Een laatste groet brengen wij uit op jullie laatste reis.
Gerard en Ada.

Gerard Matthijssen - June 05, 2024 at 04:17 AM

MC

“ Mike Cavanaugh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johannes Gerardus Matthyssen.

Mike Cavanaugh - June 03, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Johannes Gerardus Matthyssen.



June 03, 2024 at 04:15 PM

JM

“ Lieve Joop, bedankt voor alles wat je in mijn leven voor mij betekent hebt! Zal je nooit vergeten en aan je blijven denken. Fijn dat ik je nog gesproken heb. Heel veel liefs van je zus Joke, en hondje Ollie.

Joke Matthijssen - May 30, 2024 at 12:52 PM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 21, 2024 at 10:28 AM