



## Douglas L. Boven

January 30, 1946 - March 4, 2021

Douglas Lee Boven of Cadillac went to his heavenly home Thursday evening, March 4, 2021 at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital. He was 75. Doug was born on January 30, 1946 in Cadillac to Tony & Gertrude (Nederhoed) Boven and raised on the family farm near Vogel Center, Michigan

He graduated from Northern Michigan Christian School. He was drafted to serve in the United States Army during the Vietnam War when he was 18. Doug was awarded the Purple Heart in 1967.

In 1968 Doug was introduced to Marlene C. DeVries and they were joined in marriage on December 5, 1969 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Doug and Marlene raised their four children on his grandparents' centennial farm in Falmouth, Michigan. Doug once said "he felt closest to God when he was in a field on a tractor" .

Doug was a faithful member of Vogel Center Christian Reformed Church and most recently Cadillac Christian Reformed Church and had served as Deacon for both churches. He enjoyed going for long rides in the country with Marlene, traveling and spending time with his grandkids.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Marlene Boven of Cadillac; their children and their families: Tonya & Craig McLeod and their children, Logan,

Layne, Ian and Piper; Lisa & Adam Bultman and their children, Nathan, Owen, and Penelope; Eric & Nicole Boven and their daughters, Isabel and Elizabeth & Adam Commissaris and their children, Zachariah and Zoe. Also surviving is his mother, Gertrude Boven; and Doug's siblings: Bruce (Mary) Boven, Chris (Mary) Boven and Linda (Scott) Peterson; In-Laws: Jan DeVries, Carl (Phyllis) DeVries, Eva Kornoelje and Linda (Paul) Stadt and several nieces and nephews. Doug was preceded in death by his father, Tony Boven.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church with Reverend Jeff Kroondyk and Reverend Steve Boven officiating and full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. Burial will be at the Falmouth Cemetery. Friends may meet the family from 5-7 PM Tuesday at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac. For a more lasting memorial contributions may be made to the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church Mission Fund. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

RB

“*Marlene, Gert, and family, with sorrow yet fond memories of Doug, we extend our prayers and sympathy. I will always remember Doug's gentle spirit and wise counsel at CCRC. You welcomed my young family to the Falmouth farm for horse back riding and a bonfire. May you take comfort in the mercy of the Lord knowing that Doug lived as a faithful servant to the glory of God. Besides, farmers are always near to my heart. ! :) Shalom.*

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**Rev. Pete and Cheri Byma** - March 12, 2021 at 09:42 AM

BG

“*Marlene, You are in my thoughts and prayers. I remember when you started to date him. I also remember a wild snowmobile ride when I came to visit you in that little trailer you lived in right after you got married. Praying for you and your family.*

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**Barb Groelsma** - March 10, 2021 at 07:44 AM

DV

“*Marlene, Aunt Gert, Chris, Linda, and Bruce: My heart goes out to all of you. While Doug was a few years older than I, I remember him as a kind individual from my earliest memories and that continued into adulthood. He was loved by his greater family. I remember my parents praying for his safety when he was in the Army. I have several pleasant memories, but the lasting one is of his wry smile - often lingering as you could almost see the thoughts going through his mind. May we all rest in the assurance that God's covenant is beyond measure and He will be with us until we too will see His face. Doug today has more than a wry smile. I am sorry that I could not attend the funeral due to a current health issue, and miss being able to see and greet each of you. Blessings.*

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**Donald R. Visser** - March 10, 2021 at 07:28 AM

BP

“ *God Bless you always, my friend.*

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**Bob Paul** - March 09, 2021 at 11:46 AM

JF

“ *We are sending our love and prayers to such a dear family. One of the greatest things about 4-H was making new friends with our Michigan exchange family. Doug was a wonderful person and we will meet again in Heaven.*

*Love and Prayers from West Virginia*

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**Jim and Marge Marshall and family** - March 08, 2021 at 06:26 PM

ST

“ *Doug will be remembered foremost as a caring neighbor. As a Wildwood Condominium Board of Director, serving for several years, he wanted to make this community a better place for everyone. I enjoyed working with him on the Board. His kindness and his faith defined him. He will be remembered and missed. Prayers of comfort for Marlene and all the family.*

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**Sharon Tate** - March 08, 2021 at 12:22 PM

DS

“ *To Gert, Marlene, Linda Bruce and Chis  
Thinking of you today my prayers and sympathy .Doug was a man who I trusted ..when I was taking piano lessons and had to ride the bus to the farm ..he was like my older brother watched over me but would never admit. And what a nice smile.*

*Diane Lutke Stahl*

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**Diane Stahl** - March 08, 2021 at 10:16 AM