



## John Allen Aardema

August 9, 1937 - October 30, 2020

John Allen Aardema, 83 years old of Bourbonnais, IL went to his Heavenly Home to be with the Lord on the evening of Friday, October 30, 2020.

John was born in Chicago on August 9, 1937 to Allen and Jeanette (Wierenga) Aardema. He graduated from Chicago Christian High School, and went on to obtain a degree in business from Western Michigan University. He married Ruth Ann Elzinga daughter of Cornelius and Shirley on December 3, 1965. Together they ran an insurance agency in Lansing, IL for many years. He also served many years as a deacon and elder in Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Lansing, IL. He loved beach vacations, golfing, God and his family most of all.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth of Bourbonnais, his children, James of Manteno and Susan (Coughlin) of Monee, and his three beloved grandchildren Ryan, Samantha and Sean. Also, his brother and sister-in-law; Norman and Joyce Kolenbrander of Iowa, his nephew Justin and family in the Netherlands and his niece Julianne of Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his sister Phyllis, and his parents Allen and Jeanette Aardema.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and neighbors. A private memorial service for immediate family will take place at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Allen Aardema*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Dear Ruth, It has been so long but we hold dear such fond memories of John and you and our hearts go out in sympathy to you , Sue and Jimmy and family. We are praying God will comfort you and give you peace as you continue on this journey without John. Love and Prayers, Jerry and Mimi Dykstra.*

mimi dykstra - November 21, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ *Ruth I'm so sorry to hear this! One of the highlights of our day, when I would walk with Jim and Sue J. was spotting you guys outside and getting to chat. John was so comical, always upbeat and friendly. Jim loved to catch him outside walking, just to wave and holler a hello. We will miss his presence, in the neighborhood, so much. May your days be comforted as you walk through this unexpected season. You are such a joy to talk to. ❤️ I have been praying for you and will continue. ~Julie*

Julie - November 05, 2020 at 12:35 PM



*Ruth,  
Justin and I send our deepest condolences. We will always be grateful for you and John being our first residents at Arbor Grove. You both were so great and patient to work with. John was a great guy. Prayers for your healing. God bless you and your family. Justin and Michelle Goselin*

michelle - November 08, 2020 at 01:22 PM