



## Howard "Howie" G. Vande Guchte

May 15, 1932 - September 16, 2018

Howie Vande Guchte, age 86, beloved husband, father, grandfather and minister of God, went to be with his Lord on September 16, 2018.

Howard Gordon Vande Guchte was born May 15, 1932, in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, to Martin and Katherine (Otten) Vande Guchte. He was preceded in death by brothers Christian (Janet), Robert (Dorothy) and Bernard Vande Guchte, sister Cordelia (Dick) DeBlaey, brother and sister-in-law William and Patricia Vanderbilt, and great granddaughter Hannah Vande Guchte. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 63 years Virginia (Vanderbilt) Vande Guchte; children John and Trina (Scott, Zoe, Sydney and Dane), James and Lori (Nathan and Kristen [Ty, Addi and Bennett], Matthew [Hailey and Travis], Kara and Andrew Winton and Kelsi) and Jack and Erin (Juan and Olivia); sister Judy and Jack Knosher; sister and brother-in-law Mary (Vanderbilt) and Roy Ackermann; sister-in-law Susan Vanderbilt and many nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Sheboygan North High School, Howie attended Northwestern and Wheaton Colleges, graduating from the latter in 1955. He was married to Virginia that same year. He graduated from Western Theological Seminary in 1958 and began his pastoral career that same year at Sandham Memorial Reformed Church in Monroe, South Dakota. In 1961 he moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he began his 37 year service as pastor at Grace Reformed Church, where he continued to cultivate lifelong

friendships and relationship. He has spent the past 10 years leading the Senior Ministry at Grace.

In addition to his church and family life, Howie enjoyed competing in and following sports and games of all kinds, especially tennis, ping pong and golf, but his greatest joy in life was sharing the Good News of the Gospel. He enjoyed the last 9 months of his life in fellowship with friends and family at The Meadows.

VISITATION: Friends may call on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. at Grace Reformed Church, 163 East 18th Street, Fond du Lac.

FUNERAL: Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Reformed Church, with Rev. Barry Vegter officiating. Fellowship will follow the service. Burial will take place at Hingham Cemetery on Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

Memorial contributions will be distributed to Grace Reformed Church, Mission India and Christian radio station WRVM.

The Vande Guchte family wishes a sincere “Thank You” to the amazing staff of both The Meadows, Heartland Hospice and all the friends who helped the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18.** 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Grace Ev. Free Church  
163 East 18th Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## Service

SEP **18.** 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BS

“*Pastor Howie married me and my husband in 1990. We have lived near Chicago ever since. I just quoted what he said to us last night to a group of people. I found out today he had went to be with the Lord. He said to us, "Never put your marriage on cruise control and always have Agape love for each other." He was also very supportive to us through a very difficult time. Even though we didn't have him long in our lives he left a long lasting impression. Our hearts go out to his family and the Grace Reformed community. Much love,  
Bev Sampson - Des Plaines, IL.*

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**Bev Sampson** - September 18, 2018 at 08:20 PM

RB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Ginny , John, Jim, and Jack as your earthly time with Howie comes to an end but also celebrate with you the joy he is now experiencing in the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - free from all pain and suffering. Our first memories of Howie are the hours we spent in his SS class and his leading us to accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior as well. Being unchurched we had many questions and with the patience of Job he disciplined us in our new walk. Howie truly exemplified the "Fruits of the Spirit" thru all our years at Grace.

*I (Dick) had many wonderful hours with Howie on consistory and especially appreciated his encouragement to me then and in every year since.*

*Howie also had a fun loving nature and we remember him firing the first water gun at Green Lake which evolved into an annual tradition of fun and laughter.*

*Unfortunately we are out of the country and not able to be with you as you celebrate his life. We will miss him and look forward to seeing him again in glory.*

*Love,  
Dick and Linda Brace*

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**Richard Brace** - September 18, 2018 at 07:39 PM

BS

“ My heartfelt condolences go out to Ginny and Pastor Howie's family today. I am one of so many who benefitted from his friendship & Christian teaching over the years at Grace. The joy that we have in knowing he's with Jesus is a great comfort and that one day because of God's grace and sacrifice we'll see him again.  
*Bev Searl*

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**Bev Searl** - September 17, 2018 at 10:15 AM

JM

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We wish we were there in person to give you hugs and encouragement. Pastor Howie brought me to the Lord many years ago and I will always have a soft spot in my heart for him. He watched me grow up and encouraged me in my Christian faith. I will miss him but WOW what a wonderful time he is having now! So long for now Pastor Howie, until we meet again.*

**Judy and John Marsden** - September 17, 2018 at 08:24 PM

DB

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*Love, Dick and Linda Brace*

**Dick & Linda Brace** - September 18, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard "Howie" G. Vande Guchte.*



September 17, 2018 at 10:07 AM