



Gunnar Pedersen

May 18, 1933 - March 23, 2020

Gunnar Pedersen, age 86, of Newell, Iowa died on Monday, March 23, 2020 at the Newell Good Samaritan Society.

Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Interment will take place in the Newell Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell is in charge of the arrangements.

Gunnar was born on May 18, 1933 on a farm north of Newell to Jens and Lillie (Nelsen) Pedersen. He was baptized in the Lutheran faith on July 23, 1933 and confirmed on March 30, 1947 at Nain Lutheran Church. He graduated from Newell High School in 1951. On Dec 27, 1952, Gunnar was united in marriage to Joanne Janssen at Nain Lutheran Church. To this union 3 children were born, Carol, Diane and Dale. Gunnar worked at Farmers Cooperative Creamery in Newell for 8 years, before they moved to a farm 1 mile south of Newell where the family lived for 43 years. Gunnar was a farmer dedicated to his family and to the land.

He was a 4-H leader, served on the Buena Vista County extension council and was a faithful member of Nain Lutheran Church where he served on many committees and was council president. He will be most remembered for the 30 years that he served as head funeral usher. Families were grateful for his service. With his lifelong connection to Nain, he knew extended family members and was always open to their conversation and memories. His other interests were the Cubs, basketball, crossword puzzles and dancing with Joanne in his younger days. He loved attending events of his children and grandchildren, and especially enjoyed visits of his great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his children Carol and Steve Williams, Storm Lake, Diane and Keith Marshall, Indianola, and Dale and Dorie Pedersen, Newell. Grandchildren Brenda and Kyle Klein, Carroll; Brian and Tatum Williams, LeMars; Christi Williams, Brookings, SD; Greg and Robyn Marshall, Norwalk; Andy and Meridith Marshall, Denver CO; Leslie and Steven Godlewski, Overland Park, KS; Kelli Erie and Peter Ganahl,

Ankeny; and Kane Pedersen, Storm Lake.

Great grandchildren are Alexandria and Aiden Klein, Brady and Addison Williams, Ethan and Evan Marshall, Archer Marshall, Taevah and Camden Ganahl.

He is survived by his brother Glen Pedersen and wife Janet of Peoria, AZ and sister Gladys Eddie and husband Russell of Storm Lake.

Proceeding Gunnar in death were his wife Joanne, parents Jens and Lillie Pedersen and parents in law, John and Esther Janssen.

Cemetery

Newell Cemetery

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Comments



“ For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.
Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended,
Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended.
You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son,
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on earth is done.
A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way,
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is the end of your day.
Your love of God’s soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine wine,
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain one final time.
You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow,
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now.
Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait,
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate.



Kelli Erie - April 11, 2020 at 06:27 PM



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Christi Williams - April 01, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ Gunnar was by far one of the best. The laughs we shared will never be forgotten. I will never forget his contagious laugh.



Aletha Bennett-Kester - March 31, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ I remember being at the farm many times when I was a child. Gunner was a great man.

Amanda Quail - March 31, 2020 at 11:13 AM



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 29, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ Leave it to Iowa to give you a windy day. So sad we couldn't attend to show our respect for Gunnar. He deserved a grander send off....comfort to all of you. Steve and Kolesa Kier

Kolesa Kier - March 30, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ Dale and Dory I'm so sorry. I will forever remember Gunnar and our great laughs.

Aletha - March 31, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Michael & Yvonne Sandhoff lit a candle in memory of Gunnar Pedersen



Michael & Yvonne Sandhoff - March 28, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Wade & Cheri Nehring



Cheri Nehring - March 28, 2020 at 07:29 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, Carol & Steve & families
Sending love & holding you all in our prayers,
Ann & Vince Steffen

Ann & Vince - March 27, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ Hugs to all, so sorry for your loss, Carol and family.

Dean and Kathy Stern - March 27, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ All my love, thoughts, and prayers to everyone...Gunnar was my favorite uncle. All the memories of our lives...he will truly be missed by all.

Nancy Boettcher - March 26, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ Nancy Boettcher lit a candle in memory of Gunnar Pedersen



Nancy Boettcher - March 26, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ Randy And Marilyn Schmitt lit a candle in memory of Gunnar Pedersen



Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - March 26, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ Calvin And Nancy Nikkel lit a candle in memory of Gunnar Pedersen



Calvin and Nancy Nikkel - March 25, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ Diane, Keith & families, Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Gunnar was an amazing guy. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Calvin and Nancy Nikkel - March 25, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ Suana Wessendorf lit a candle in memory of Gunnar Pedersen



Suana Wessendorf - March 25, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ Bill And Danis Thompson lit a candle in memory of Gunnar Pedersen



Bill and Danis Thompson - March 24, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Gunnar Pedersen



John/Connie Demers - March 24, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Gunnar. So thankful that Gunner chose such a good attitude. It is sure easy to remember his smile, twinkle in his eye and his laugh. Blessed be your memories of a fine man. Heaven is rejoicing with Gunnar's arrival.

Erik "Hondo"and Mariellen Mosbo - March 24, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ Willis and my sympathy is with all of the families close to Gunnar. He was a good guy!!

Willis and Darnell Ripke - March 25, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ My sympathies to Gunnars family I loved chatting with him on fridays when I was there.



Leigh Schultz - March 24, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ Tim And Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Gunnar Pedersen



Tim and Pegi Cavanaugh - March 23, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ Barb Greder lit a candle in memory of Gunnar Pedersen



Barb Greder - March 23, 2020 at 07:21 PM