



Chris M. Laursen

September 6, 1921 - September 24, 2016

Chris M. Laursen, 95, of Newell, Iowa, died Saturday, September 24, 2016, at the Good Samaritan Society, Newell, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Nain Lutheran Church in Newell. Burial will be in the Newell Cemetery with full military rites. Visitation will take place Tuesday, September 27, 2016 from 9-11:00 a.m. at the Nain Lutheran Church in Newell. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell is in charge of the arrangements.

Christian (Chris) Marion Laursen, was born in Battle Creek, Iowa, on September 6, 1921, the first son of Ellen (Henricksen) and Karl Christian Laursen. He was later baptized into his Christian faith. He grew up and received his education in Battle Creek, graduating from Battle Creek High School.

Chris served in the United States Air Corps as a gunner during World War II. On February 26, 1947, he was married in the Ida Grove Church of God to Harriette Claire Shirk. They were blessed with four children, Sharen, Cynthia, Susan and Lynn. Chris was an active member of Nain Lutheran Church.

They farmed in Battle Creek and Ida Grove for several years before moving to Newell, Iowa, in 1960. Chris was employed throughout the years by Sievers

Implement, the City of Newell, Holmstrom Electric, Buena Vista County Weed Commission, and Newell School district as a bus driver. He served several years on Newell's library board and was a dedicated follower of the Newell-Fonda Mustangs. Chris was a wood carver, artist, photographer, avid reader, fisherman, rock hound and all-around handyman. He enjoyed the challenge of fixing and repurposing "things". Chris also enjoyed gardening and especially the competition with Harriette for best flowers and vegetables.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who was generous with his talents and kindness. All who knew and loved him, came to understand his humor, especially his favorite quote, "You can always tell a Dane, but you can't tell him much!"

He is survived by three children Cynthia (Doug) Bruner of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; Susan (John) Anderson of Yankton, South Dakota; Lynn (Tami) Laursen of Lakeside, Iowa; son-in-law, Arlin Brower of Saratoga, Wyoming; nine grandchildren: Jerod Bruner of Nashville, Tennessee; Jaime (Al) Archuleta of Brighton, Colorado; Rhett (Autumn) Bruner of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; J. Wesley Anderson of Yankton, South Dakota; Wade Brower of Scottsdale, Arizona; Tyler Anderson (fiancé Allysa Freidel) of Omaha, Nebraska; Garrett Bruner of Nashville, Tennessee; Katelyn Laursen of Grimes, Iowa; Blake Laursen of Overland Park, Kansas; two great granddaughters, Linden and Mila Bruner of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; one great grandson, Jase Archuleta of Brighton, Colorado; sisters-in-law Leona Laursen of Battle Creek, Iowa, and Virginia Wellendorf of Ida Grove, Iowa; many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Chris was preceded in death by Harriette, his wife of 68 years; his parents Chris and Ellen Laursen; daughter, Sharen Brower; brother, Earl (Bob) Laursen; sister-in-law Betty (Ray) Raasch; brothers-in-law, Darrel Wellendorf and Jim (Ardith) Shirk.

Cemetery Details

Newell Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nain Lutheran Church -- Newell
Newell, IA 50568

Service

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nain Lutheran Church -- Newell
Newell, IA 50568

Interment

SEP 27 (CT)

Newell Cemetery

Tribute Wall

EL

“ Chris is the father of our family. friend Lynn and the father in law of my sweet friend Tami . Lynn Tami Katelynn and Blake you guys are in my prayers.

Elizabeth - September 28, 2016 at 03:48 PM



“ Suana Wessendorf lit a candle in memory of Chris M. Laursen



Suana Wessendorf - September 27, 2016 at 07:48 PM

JW

“ Very sorry for your loss. Your Dad was one of the good ones. Lots of memories of he and my dad fishing together over the years.

Gary and Jan (Gerken) Worthan

Jan Worthan - September 27, 2016 at 10:34 AM

GP

“ Gavins Point Project purchased the Wings of Gold Set for the family of Chris M. Laursen.



Gavins Point Project - September 27, 2016 at 08:58 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - September 27, 2016 at 07:52 AM

SP

“ Sherri Peterson lit a candle in memory of Chris M. Laursen



sherri peterson - September 26, 2016 at 03:25 PM

SP

“ Chris was always an avid reader of westerns and we will miss him coming in to the library. Our sympathies to all of the family members. My prayers are with you.
Sherri Peterson

sherri peterson - September 26, 2016 at 03:24 PM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Chris's family on his call Home. May God grant you peace and loving thoughts of a life well lived.

Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - September 26, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Chris M. Laursen.*



September 26, 2016 at 02:30 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Chris M. Laursen.*



September 26, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ *John and Sue,
We are sorry to hear that your Father/Father in-law has finished his journey. After reading his Obituary very honored to see he has earned military honors.
You are in our prayers.
Moose and Pam Welch
Yankton, SD*

Michael Welch - September 26, 2016 at 06:58 AM



“ *Amy Frehse lit a candle in memory of Chris M. Laursen*



Amy Frehse - September 25, 2016 at 03:29 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Chris M. Laursen.*



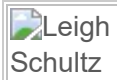
September 25, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ *Leigh Schultz lit a candle in memory of Chris M. Laursen*



Leigh Schultz - September 25, 2016 at 07:26 AM



“ *Leigh Schultz lit a candle in memory of Chris M. Laursen*



Leigh Schultz - September 25, 2016 at 07:24 AM



“ *Dana, Butch & Becky lit a candle in memory of Chris M. Laursen*



Dana, Butch & Becky - September 24, 2016 at 08:00 PM

CS

“ *Cathy Sanders lit a candle in memory of Chris M. Laursen*



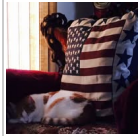
Cathy Sanders - September 24, 2016 at 07:08 PM

TT

“ *Theresa Galbraith Tymeson lit a candle in memory of Chris M. Laursen*



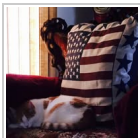
Theresa Galbraith Tymeson - September 24, 2016 at 04:28 PM



“ *Suana Wessendorf lit a candle in memory of Chris M. Laursen*



Suana Wessendorf - September 24, 2016 at 04:07 PM



“ *Suana Wessendorf lit a candle in memory of Chris M. Laursen*



Suana Wessendorf - September 24, 2016 at 04:06 PM