



## Darwin "Dusty" Lussman

February 25, 1932 - October 8, 2016

Darwin "Dusty" Lussman, age 84 of Storm Lake, Iowa died Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake with full military rites by the AMVETS Post #66. Visitation will take place Tuesday, October 11, 2016 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake.

Darwin Lussman was born February 25, 1932 in Grant township, Buena Vista county, Iowa, the son of Edward and Anna (Mohr) Lussman. He was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Buena Vista County and was later confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Dusty, as he was known by those who loved him, cherished living on the family farm for over 80 years. Highlights growing up included: attending country school via pony or buggy through 7th grade, driving horses to make hay, racing ponies with his siblings and neighbors, and chasing gophers around the pasture in his Model T. He graduated from Sulphur Springs Providence Consolidated School in 1950.

He was drafted in the Army in 1952. Darwin served at Fort Polk, LA and Ft. Riley, KS and participated in the first mock atomic bomb response held on US soil. Darwin was then honorably discharged having attained the rank of Sergeant.

On February 23, 1958 he married the love of his life, Joanne Hartman at Sioux Valley, Minnesota. Together, they were blessed with five children. Dusty farmed until he retired in the 1990s.

Faith was extremely important to Dusty. He was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church. He especially enjoyed being a trustee and member of the Evangelism Committee. He was very grateful to fellow members who assisted him getting to church every Sunday.

He was a lifetime member of AMVETS and DAV, and served as commander of AMVETS

Post #66 for seven years. He also was in the Honor Guard for 48 years and served as commander for 20 of those years. Dusty was passionate that local veterans who passed away were given final military rites and he participated in over 250 rites throughout the entire county.

Dusty cherished the camaraderie of “hunting for bells” with Joanne and belonged to the American Bell Association. He was honored to ring in Iowa’s Sesquicentennial at the Capitol with a Town Crier bell manufactured by the White Chapel company who made our Liberty Bell.

Dusty was secretary treasurer of the bowling league for 15 years. He also belonged to the Oliver Hart Parr Collectors association, the “real” green tractor. His favorite was the 88 Oliver Diesel. Dusty’s favorite cars were his ’21 Ford Model T, ’54 Ford and ’65 Ford Mustang convertible. His favorite card game was cribbage. He was gifted with artistic talent and created unique folk art from metal, wood and scraps for his church, family and friends. Most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was blessed with a great sense of humor, being dealt good cards and joy of life. Dusty will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include children: Mark (Darlene) Lussman of Storm Lake, Iowa; Carolyn (Glen) Armstrong of Albert City, Iowa; Sarah Lussman (Lori Stirn) of Hood River, Oregon; Nadine Lussman (Wouter Koedam) of Arzier Switzerland; Connie (Curt) Reis of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Matt (Sara) Lussman of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Jeff (Angie) Lussman of Storm Lake, Iowa; Jessica (Scott) Bettin of Holstein, Iowa; Randi Armstrong (special friend, Keegan Paul) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Kerri (Josh) Suhr of Storm Lake, Iowa; Ivonne and Isabelle Koedam of Arzier, Switzerland; Chris (Jenni) Reis of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Caycee Reis (special friend, Adam Schmidt) of Le Mars, Iowa; great grandchildren: Kiptyn and Brigham Lussman; Adysen and Easton Lussman; Camille Bettin; Chloe and Blaine Suhr; brother, Willis (Lorna) Lussman of Storm Lake, Iowa; sister, Arta (John) Harman of Corydon, Iowa.

Darwin was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Joanne; and his brother, Harold Lussman.

Less than a day after Dusty’s passing, his brother, Willis Lussman passed away.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Service

OCT 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake  
402 Lake Ave.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ Sarah and family: I have been thinking of you and your Dad. I know he is glad to be with your Mom because he told me that's where he wanted to be. It's never easy to lose a Dad or Mom and I wish you comfort during this time and in the future when you have those moments of missing your Dad.

Last year during RAGBRAI Dusty hosted our six person team of riders. He didn't hesitate to open up his home and he was so proud of us. After RAGBRAI I loved our talks as he shared his experience, love and kindness. I will never forget Mr. Dusty and his welcome arms.

My heart misses you Mr. Dusty, you added so much to my soul. When I return to the Colorado mountains I will play you a taps that echoes through the peaks. You'll hear it.

Sincerely, Karen Keith-Zamora

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**Karen Keith-Zamora** - October 13, 2016 at 05:03 PM

SS

“ To the Family of Dusty Lussman,

I am so sorry to read of your dad's passing. I remember him fondly at St. Johns and his days of bowling.

May God welcome him into His Heavenly Home. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Scott Schurman  
Kearney, NE  
(formerly of Storm Lake and St. Johns)

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**Scott Schurman** - October 13, 2016 at 02:54 PM

SJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will be thinking of all of you at this difficult time, Sara had me out to the farm a number of times when I was in High School. I have fond memories of the family and the time we had together. Seth Johannsen

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**Seth Johannsen** - October 12, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Darwin "Dusty" Lussman.*



October 11, 2016 at 05:33 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Darwin "Dusty" Lussman.*



October 11, 2016 at 03:11 PM

BS

“ *Our sympathy to all of the family with the loss of you father and grandfather, he is with the Lord and at peace. God Blessings Cousin Betty Jean and Vern Schlipp*

**Betty Schlipp** - October 11, 2016 at 01:28 PM

PA

“ *To the Dusty Lussman side of our family,  
We offer our deep condolences and sympathy. While we cannot be with you in person, we are with you in prayer and thought. May you find peace in the coming days.  
Pamela Harman and Brian James*

**Pamela** - October 11, 2016 at 12:12 PM

RC

“ *I will always remember this great friend.....Roger Christiansen*

**Roger Christiansen** - October 11, 2016 at 06:53 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Darwin "Dusty" Lussman.*



October 10, 2016 at 08:51 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Darwin "Dusty" Lussman.



October 10, 2016 at 02:14 PM

CN

“ My heart goes out to u Connie and your family. Hugs to u all.



Cheri Wade Nehring - October 10, 2016 at 07:37 AM

JD

“ John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Darwin "Dusty" Lussman



John and Connie Demers - October 10, 2016 at 07:20 AM

DS

“ Dave & Marilyn Schroeder sent a virtual gift in memory of Darwin "Dusty" Lussman



Dave & Marilyn Schroeder - October 09, 2016 at 05:29 PM

MO

“ Mike And Diane Overmohle lit a candle in memory of Darwin "Dusty" Lussman



Mike and Diane Overmohle - October 09, 2016 at 12:49 PM

JG

“ *Lussman Family,*  
*While distance and time will not permit us to attend the services, our sincere condolences and sympathy are offered with our deepest support. We did not have the luxury of personal contacts as distant relatives, but knowing that the Hartman connection was and will remain always strong.*  
*Kindest personal regards,*  
*John and Pat Greenslit*  
*Lansing, MI.*

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**JOHN F GREENSLIT** - October 09, 2016 at 09:41 AM

CR

“ *Charlie & Joann Rasch lit a candle in memory of Darwin*  
*"Dusty" Lussman*



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**Charlie & Joann Rasch** - October 08, 2016 at 09:38 PM

TU

“ *The Untiedts lit a candle in memory of Darwin "Dusty"*  
*Lussman*



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**The Untiedts** - October 08, 2016 at 07:39 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Darwin*  
*"Dusty" Lussman*



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**Deb and Kevin Jesse** - October 08, 2016 at 07:26 PM