



## Gregory Paul Drzycimski

September 7, 1949 - January 27, 2016

Gregory P. Drzycimski, age 66, of Alta, Iowa died Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Sioux Rapids, Iowa. Burial will follow in the Barnes Township Cemetery in Linn Grove, Iowa with military rites by the American Legion Post #367. Visitation will take place Friday, January 29, 2016 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Special Youth Challenge or the Riverside Evangelical Free Church in Linn Grove. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Gregory Paul Drzycimski was born September 7, 1949 in Cherokee, Iowa, the son of Kenneth Paul and Wanda Alice (Taylor) Drzycimski.

Greg was baptized and confirmed at the Riverside Presbyterian Church in Linn Grove.

He attended school at Sioux Valley, where he graduated in 1967. He continued his education for a year at Iowa State University.

Greg was inducted into the United States Army on October 16, 1969. He

proudly served his country in Germany as an ADP Machine Operator. During his service, he received the National Defense Service Medal. Greg was honorably discharged on May 11, 1972.

On August 4, 1973, Greg was united in marriage to Merri Bennett in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Together they were blessed with two sons, Mark and Paul.

Greg was a member of the Riverside Evangelical Free Church in Linn Grove where he served as elder. He was a devoted Christian who lived his faith daily. He also volunteered on the Praise Team and the Building Committee.

Greg served on the Vista Pork Board, First Coop Association Board, and the Choraliers. Greg was a past president for the B.V. Pork Producers. He was also an active member of the American Legion Post #367 where he held the position of adjutant.

Greg enjoyed bowling and singing with different groups over the years. Family was very important to him. He loved family get-togethers, taking trips to Branson, Missouri with Merri and the family, and spending time with his grandchildren whenever possible. Greg will be remembered for his laugh, and for being a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. His memory will live on in all who knew him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 42 years, Merri Drzycimski of Alta, Iowa; children: Mark (Kate) Drzycimski and their children: Will, Liam, Abram, Josiah, Addie, Elias, James, and Helen all of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Paul (Krissie) Drzycimski and their children: Charlie and Myron all of Linn Grove, Iowa; sisters: Linda (Denny) Somers of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Diane (Tim) Straub of Peterson, Iowa; mother-in-law, Veda Bennett of Nebraska City, Nebraska; brother-in-law, Allen (Janene) Bennett of Nebraska City, Nebraska; extended family and friends.

Greg was preceded in death by his parents, Kenny and Wanda Drzycimski; and father-in-law, Leonard Bennett.

# Cemetery Details

## Barnes Township Cemetery

Linn Grove, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 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

JAN **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
Sioux Rapids, IA

## Interment

JAN **30** (CT)

Barnes Township Cemetery  
Linn Grove, IA



# Tribute Wall



“Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 29, 2016 at 12:17 PM

CM

“I always knew Greg was a terrific guy, even before I met him the first time, as Veda would always say "Merri Lynn really got lucky!". And our son, Lance Meyer, was such good friends with Paul during their teen years and he grew to really think a lot of Greg as well. Lance tried so hard to make it to Greg's funeral to support the family but wasn't able to get out of his previous commitments. However, please know that our family is so sorry for your loss. I have shared the wonderful video with my siblings and my mom so that we could honor his memory through the pictures. It was obvious that family was very important to him. Bless you all!!! Cindy (Hall) Meyer and family

Cindy Meyer - February 04, 2016 at 01:24 PM

NM

“Kyran & Nancy Mittelstadt



Nancy Mittelstadt - January 30, 2016 at 03:16 PM

NM

“ *Kyran & Nancy (Plagman) Mittelstadt*

Nancy Mittelstadt - January 30, 2016 at 03:13 PM

AE

“ *Amie Splitt and Audrey (Splitt) Ediger purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Gregory Paul Drzycimski.*



Amie Splitt and Audrey (Splitt) Ediger - January 29, 2016 at 11:41 PM

SS

“ *Steve and Bev Schomaker purchased the Laven der & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Gregory Paul Drzycimski.*



Steve and Bev Schomaker - January 29, 2016 at 01:11 PM

JC

“ *Jeff And Lisa Christians lit a candle in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski*



Jeff and Lisa Christians - January 29, 2016 at 10:47 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - January 29, 2016 at 09:57 AM

GT

“ GRANDMA CONNIE DENNIS DAVE AND TAMMY purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Gregory Paul Drzycimski.



GRANDMA CONNIE DENNIS DAVE AND TAMMY - January 29, 2016 at 07:03 AM



“ Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gregory Paul Drzycimski.



January 28, 2016 at 11:11 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Gregory Paul Drzycimski.



January 28, 2016 at 07:05 PM

DW

“ *Doug And Debra Wetherell lit a candle in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski*



**Doug and Debra Wetherell** - January 28, 2016 at 06:12 PM

DD

“ *Dave And Mary Dean lit a candle in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski*



**Dave and Mary Dean** - January 28, 2016 at 05:53 PM

AR

“ *What a great man in your family - he was always bigger than life! I still remember when he started dating Miss Bennett while she was our typing teacher @ Sioux Valley - may God's love comfort you in the days to come - you will laugh and cry through the tears - enjoy all the stories you are going to hear! God bless - Anne*

**Anne Rehnstrom** - January 28, 2016 at 03:23 PM

GF

“ *Gretchen Funk lit a candle in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski*



**gretchen funk** - January 28, 2016 at 03:06 PM

GF

*thinking of you during this difficult time . May the Lord help guide you through the days ahead . God bless !!!*

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**gretchen funk** - January 28, 2016 at 03:07 PM

TN

“ *Terry & Rosetta Nerem purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Gregory Paul Drzycimski.*



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**Terry & Rosetta Nerem** - January 28, 2016 at 02:55 PM

BU

“ *We remember Greg - and his beautiful voice - from our visits to Riverside when Terry was pastoring. I know how much Terry cared for Greg and how he enjoyed singing in trio and quartet with him. We're so sorry for the suffering Greg endured over the past several years, and we send our sympathies to his family. God never promised us a trouble-free life ("in this life, you will have many troubles"), but He promises to stand with us, never forsaking us, as we deal with those troubles. And to take us unto Himself, fully healed, in our joyful reunion with Him. Praying that you will feel God's comfort and peace in a powerful way.*

*Bob and Vicki (Nerem) Uhr*

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**Bob and Vicki (Nerem) Uhr** - January 28, 2016 at 02:18 PM

MO

“ *Mary Jo (Reed) Olthoff lit a candle in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski*



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**Mary Jo (Reed) Olthoff** - January 28, 2016 at 01:08 PM

LW

“ *Love to all of you on Greg's passing -- you have a lot of wonderful memories of a wonderful man -- we love you all and will see you Saturday. Hugs!*

*Larry and Peggy Wright*

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**Larry and Peggy Wright** - January 28, 2016 at 01:07 PM

GB

“ *Gary & Kathy Brees lit a candle in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski*



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**Gary & Kathy Brees** - January 28, 2016 at 01:01 PM

EF

“ *We are sending our deepest sympathy and prayers to Merri, Mark, Paul, and family during this difficult time. May God bless you with peace and comfort.*



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**Erica Jacobson French** - January 28, 2016 at 11:19 AM

CW

“ *Candi Whittenburg lit a candle in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski*



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**Candi Whittenburg** - January 28, 2016 at 09:32 AM

JF

“ *Jesse & Peg Fastenow lit a candle in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski*



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**Jesse & Peg Fastenow** - January 28, 2016 at 07:49 AM

PC

“ *Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski*



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**Pegi Cavanaugh** - January 28, 2016 at 07:14 AM

AF

“ *Amy Frehse lit a candle in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski*



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**Amy Frehse** - January 27, 2016 at 09:15 PM

DH

“ *Doris Harvey lit a candle in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski*



Doris Harvey - January 27, 2016 at 09:13 PM

PB

“ *Greg and Merri have been our friends for many years lots of prayers and love to all the family*

paul and jody braunscheeg - January 27, 2016 at 07:07 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski*



Deb and Kevin Jesse - January 27, 2016 at 05:04 PM

JK

“ *Jeff & Lory Krummen lit a candle in memory of Gregory Paul Drzycimski*



Jeff & Lory Krummen - January 27, 2016 at 04:18 PM

KR

*Prayers to the whole family. We grew up as neighbors to them on a farm south of Alta. Such great memories of the whole family. Karil Richards (Braunschweig)*

Karil Richards - January 28, 2016 at 10:16 AM

RG

*Dear Mrs. D and family, I cannot even express the sadness in my heart for the passing of Greg. He was an honorable man and we will all miss him especially his beloved family. Like Anne I remember when you both started dating and it was hard to remember to stop calling you Miss Bennett. It was obvious you had a great love for each other. I leave you with this verse from Luke that best describes your beloved Greg. Luke 10:27 He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Rick Gilbert*

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**Rick Gilbert** - January 29, 2016 at 06:36 PM

MB

*My sympathy to Merri, Mark and Paul and family. Greg was a great man of God. We grew up together and I remember his laugh, beautiful voice, friendship in high school and fun times.  
Melanie Belden*

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**Melanie Belden** - February 01, 2016 at 10:59 AM