



Leo George Grau

December 13, 1922 - August 14, 2020

Leo George Grau, age 97, of Newell, Iowa died August 14, 2020 in Arizona.

Private funeral services will take place Saturday, August 22, 2020 at Nain Lutheran Church in Newell. Public graveside service will take place Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Newell Cemetery. To watch a live stream of the service at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, please click the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83905099095>. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Nain Lutheran Church in Leo's name. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell is in charge of the arrangements.

Leo Grau was born December 13, 1922 to Anna (Haahr) and Jorgen C Grau. He graduated from Newell High School. Leo was baptized, confirmed, and attended Nain Lutheran Church.

On January 21, 1945 he was united in marriage to Bernice Bumann. They were blessed with three children: Sharon, Carmen, and Tom.

Leo had a successful farming career. He enjoyed serving his community being on numerous boards: Newell Creamery, Newell Coop Elevator, Coon Township Trustee, Coon Township Election, Buena Vista Cattlemen, Farm Service, Farm Automation Company, Newell Lumber Company, Newell Implement Company, Buena Vista Hospital, and Nain Lutheran Church

Council.

Leo said he always felt a closeness to God when farming and in nature. During his farming career he began envisioning and developing what today is the Leo Grau Wildlife Management Area. This ongoing project brought him great joy in his retirement years.

Leo was a generous kind man always welcoming everyone into his home. He helped many people and cared deeply for his family and friends. In his later years, he moved to Storm Lake, and was a snowbird in Sun Lakes, Arizona. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, bingo, cards, music, dancing, reading and church activities.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children: Sharon (Thurman) Gilbert of Sun Lakes, Arizona; Carmen (Barry) Miller of Sun Lakes, Arizona; Tom Grau of Newell, Iowa; sister, Dorothy Stilling of North Ridge, California; grandchildren: Justin (Chandra) Gilbert; Michelle (Tyler) Hendricks; great grandchildren: L. Gilbert; twin boys, Jaxson Leo and Caleb John Hendricks; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins; extended family and friends.

May we find comfort knowing Leo is at peace joining those that preceded him to his eternal home: his parents, Anna and George Grau; wife of seventy years, Bernice Grau; daughter in-law, Cheryl Grau; brothers and sisters: Harold, Holger, Solon, Ruth, Ted, and Ardy.

Cemetery Details

Newell Cemetery

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Newell Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ 3 files added to the album *Grau service part one*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 24, 2020 at 01:03 PM

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*Leo and Bernice were outstanding Christians with whom my departed bride (Janice) and I were blessed to become acquainted at Risen Savior Lutheran in Sun Lakes. They were one of the very first to make a generous pledge toward purchase of adjoining vacant land (subsequently acquired, and now being improved with a new worship facility to open this fall) to expand RSLC's ministry. I know they are resting in peace, and probably visiting with Janice.
In His Love, Ed Schoening*

Ed Schoening - August 25, 2020 at 06:04 PM

JH

“ *Julianne Haahr lit a candle in memory of Leo George Grau*



Julianne Haahr - August 22, 2020 at 11:46 AM

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Julianne Haahr - August 22, 2020 at 10:36 AM

DO

“ *Leo Grau was a nice gentleman. His son Tom is a friend of mine and I got to meet Leo and and his wife a number of times. Tom also kept me up on his parents and sisters out in Arizona. Leo will be missed.*



Dennis

dennis olson - August 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *Vicki Sorbe lit a candle in memory of Leo George Grau*



Vicki Sorbe - August 18, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ *Red Mixed Standing Open Heart was purchased for the family of Leo George Grau.*



August 18, 2020 at 05:17 PM