



Leo W. Strait

July 12, 1931 - October 6, 2025

It is with great sadness that our family announces the death of our dad, Leo W. Strait, who passed away Monday, October 6th peacefully at home.

Funeral Mass will take place Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in St. James Catholic Cemetery in Clare, Iowa. Visitation will be held Friday, October 10, 2025 from 5-7:00 p.m. with Prayer Vigil at 7:00 p.m. and KC Rosary at 7:30 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Mabel Strait, his siblings Lou Strait, Mary Isabel Stratton, Gilbert (Gib) Strait, Donald Strait, and Raymond Strait, and his wife of 68 years, Madonna.

Leo is survived by his children; Cindy (Rick) Weaver, Deb Strait, Randy (Carol) Strait, and Mike (Xavier), grandchildren: Tim (Carli) Hofferber, Emily (Billy) Lewis, Carrie (Chris) Rife, Jenny Weaver, Christie (Chris) Fox, Steven (Bridgid) Strait, and Patrick Strait, great grandchildren; Ryan Crockett, Max Weaver, Jace Lewis, Sydney (Thomas) Bernard, Nate Hofferber, Isaac Hofferber, Caleb Rife, Daisy Rife, Lily Rife, Eli Rife, Connor Fox, Chloe Fox, Casey Fox, Cora Fox, Copper Strait, Nolan Strait, great great grandchildren; Ulanni Crockett, and Henry Bernard.

Leo was the youngest of 6 children born on a farm near Clare, Ia. He attended country school in his early years and graduated from St. Matthews High School in Clare in 1949.

After graduation he joined the Army National Guard at 17 and was elevated to active status soon after and deployed to Germany where he helped guard the Russian border as a firing officer.

He married Madonna Fitzgerald on October 20, 1952, at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Clare. As his family grew Leo became active in various civic roles in Clare, including founding member of the Volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Unit, then fire chief, City Clerk, and others.

Leo worked for Phillips Petroleum for approximately 40 years in various roles, joining Thompson Oil Co. in Fort Dodge, Ia. In 1957 and then establishing Strait Oil Co. in Storm Lake, Ia. In 1973. Strait Oil Co. expanded to include a U-Haul dealership and RV dealership. He retired in 1997.

Leo and Madonna shared a love of golf and travel. He played league golf for many years, and loved the camaraderie and social interactions, all while becoming a pretty good golfer. Upon retirement they adopted the snowbird lifestyle by purchasing a condo in Florence, Az., which he still owns.

Love of his family was always first. Leo treasured and took great pride in the times he was surrounded by children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even great great grandchildren. His family loved to hear him tell stories about his life growing up, as well as his many adventures (from piloting an open cockpit Stearman as a teen to skydiving at 89 years old).

Leo made many good friends throughout his life. He had endless curiosity

about life, nature, and people, and was always pursuing deeper understanding of the world around him.

He was unwilling to sit and let life come to him. Leo's positive outlook and good common sense touched many lives.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 10. 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>

Prayer Vigil

OCT 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Rosary

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Funeral Mass

OCT 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca St
Storm Lake, IA 50588

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leo W. Strait*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 10, 2025 at 02:20 PM

EC

“ *To Leo's Family,
A finer neighbor than Leo cannot be imagined.
He was known for his compassion and kindness to everyone he met. Leo truly lived by the Golden Rule and always saw the best in everyone. He was a wonderful person and will be dearly missed. You can all be very proud of your Dad - a life well lived.
Death leaves a heartache
No one can heal.
Love leaves a memory
No one can steal!
Our deepest sympathy,
Evan & Diane*

Evan & Diane Cox - October 16, 2025 at 12:51 PM

MG

“ I did not know your Dad personally but remember his loving daily care for your Mom at Methodist Manor - my Dad had the room next to hers - he was a special man- always patient with a smile - his love for her was so genuine - the Covid separation from our family was unimagineable.

Mary Gebers - October 11, 2025 at 09:18 AM

SB

“ Scott Bodholdt lit a candle in memory of Leo Strait



Scott Bodholdt - October 10, 2025 at 07:05 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 10, 2025 at 03:55 PM

SB

“ Sydney, Thomas, and Henry Bernard purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Leo W. Strait.



Sydney, Thomas, and Henry Bernard - October 10, 2025 at 03:16 PM

DF

“ Dan and Pam Doyen Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo W. Strait.

Dan and Pam Doyen Family - October 10, 2025 at 02:15 PM

DF

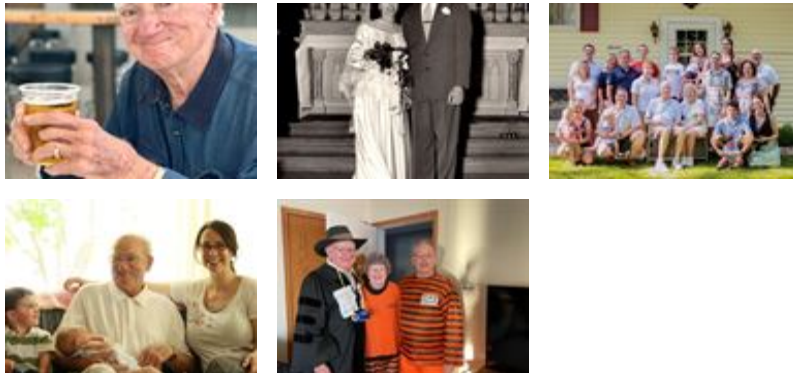
“ Dan and Pam Doyen Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Leo W. Strait.



Dan and Pam Doyen Family - October 10, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ 91 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 10, 2025 at 02:14 PM

WT

“ *Wilbur/Karen Triplett lit a candle in memory of Leo Strait*



Wilbur/Karen Triplett - October 10, 2025 at 11:07 AM

MC

“ *Sending condolences to the Strait family. Your Dad was a great man. He will be missed. Kevin & Julie McKinney*



McKinney - October 09, 2025 at 01:30 PM

BF

“ *Our condolences to Leo's family. Leo was the best guy ever. We need more like him in the world today. Will miss this old Snowbird in Arizona 🙏*

Bob/Karen Fletcher - October 08, 2025 at 10:15 PM

AH

“ *Leo and Madonna were good friends to my parents, Wayne and Bernie Andrews. I always loved seeing Leo when I was home in Storm Lake. He made me feel like family and I felt like he was my family. I will miss him.*

Amy Andrews Hurley - October 08, 2025 at 04:07 PM

CF

“ We have many fond memories of Leo and Madonna as well. Living next door to them for many years in Florence Arizona. They are the best of the best. It was a pleasure and blessing to know them. Who could ever forget Leo skydiving to celebrate his 90th birthday! We know his is now at peace with our Lord and Savior. We are so sorry we can't be at the funeral but we will have a Mass offered for him at our Parrish.
Tom and Connie Fournier



Constance Fournier - October 08, 2025 at 11:38 AM

KM

“ Really enjoyed seeing Leo in Arizona! My sympathy to you all



Kay Snyder Marvin - October 08, 2025 at 09:22 AM

JD

“ John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Leo Strait



John/Connie Demers - October 08, 2025 at 08:08 AM

JW

“ Leo i will miss eating lunch with you at the senior center.rest in peace my freind. My god hold you in his hands forever. God bless you leo.jeff Watson

Jeff J Watson - October 07, 2025 at 10:03 PM

BB

“ *Bob and Mary Beal lit a candle in memory of Leo Strait*



Bob and Mary Beal - October 07, 2025 at 07:52 PM

GT

“ *To Leo Strait Family—Leo and I had a long term friendship because of our relationship with Phillips 66. May your Faith give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. God Bless you—My Deepest Sympathy*
Gary Thompson
Ames Iowa

Gary Thompson - October 07, 2025 at 07:46 PM

RW

Gary, Leo is my father-in-law. I fondly remember so many times when Leo told stories of your business connection. Even though I'm an Iowa Hawkeye alum, I loved hearing his remembrances of your Cyclone playing and coaching career. He sincerely cherished his memories of the conversations you two shared.

Rick Weaver - October 10, 2025 at 04:53 PM

TF

“ *The Siefken and Kelley families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo W. Strait.*

The Siefken and Kelley families - October 07, 2025 at 10:59 AM

TF

“ *The Siefken and Kelley families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leo W. Strait.*



The Siefken and Kelley families - October 07, 2025 at 10:59 AM