



## Richard Eugene Witzke

November 20, 1942 - April 4, 2024

Richard Eugene Witzke, age 81, of Fonda, Iowa passed away at his home on April 4, 2024 with his family by his side.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will take place Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 2-4:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Newell Cemetery at a later date. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Richard was born on November 20, 1942 to Leighton and Nettie (Fitchett) Witzke. He lived in Newell most of his life and attended Newell school. Later Richard met Betty Ward and they were united in marriage on November 2, 1959 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. They were blessed with four children: James, Deb, Keith, and Teresa.

Richard had a “green thumb”. He enjoyed his greenhouse, gardening, camping, and western movies. He also loved watching the Hawkeyes and Kansas City Chiefs.

Survivors include his wife: Betty (Ward) Witzke of Fonda, Iowa; James (Peggy) Witzke of Fonda, Iowa; Deb Coulter of Odebolt, Iowa; Keith (Carmen) Witzke of Arthur, Iowa; Teresa (Kevin) Schroeder of Austin, Minnesota; brothers: Kent (Shayla) Witzke of Estherville, Iowa; Tim Witzke of Newell,

Iowa; sisters: Linda Kay of Storm Lake, Iowa; Kathy Elston of Des Moines, Iowa; Shari (Wayne) Raveling of Storm Lake, Iowa; sister-in-law: Margaret (Bob) Parker of Sac City, Iowa; 11 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents: Leighton and Nettie Witzke; stillborn brother: James Witzke; brother: Ronald Witzke; sister: Janice Holmstrom; brother-in-law: Dwayne Kay; Mike Elson; John Ward; and parents-in-law: Hallie and Velma Ward.

# Cemetery Details

## Newell Cemetery

E. Jensen St.  
Newell, IA 50568

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

APR 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Eugene Witzke*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 19, 2024 at 12:38 PM

VS

“ *Vicki Sorbe lit a candle in memory of Richard Witzke*



Vicki Grote Sorbe - April 29, 2024 at 12:19 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 21, 2024 at 03:16 PM

RW

“ *Ruth Westergaard lit a candle in memory of Richard Witzke*



Ruth Westergaard - April 20, 2024 at 10:59 AM



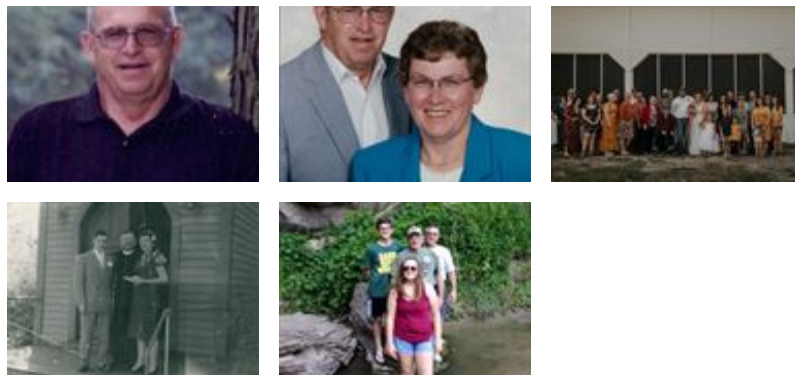
“ *Sally Rassler lit a candle in memory of Richard Witzke*



Sally Rassler - April 19, 2024 at 12:22 AM



“ *75 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 18, 2024 at 11:36 AM

DJ

“ *Deb, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I have fond memories of your dad. Prayers for you family.*

Diane R Johnson - April 16, 2024 at 10:22 AM

SH

“ Sara Harms purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard Eugene Witzke.



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**Sara Harms** - April 14, 2024 at 02:01 PM

DD

“ Dave Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Richard Witzke



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**Dave and Cheryl DeMan** - April 09, 2024 at 02:06 PM

SS

“ Scott Kathy Schwaller lit a candle in memory of Richard Witzke



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**Scott and Kathy Schwaller** - April 07, 2024 at 12:19 PM

DH

“ You have our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one! God be with you, Betty, and your family.



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**Duane and Eldona Hornor** - April 06, 2024 at 09:46 PM

RW

“ *roberta wise lit a candle in memory of Richard Witzke*



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**roberta wise** - April 06, 2024 at 09:22 PM

MH

“ *Richard was a great guy, was glad to have met him working at the plant! Deepest sympathy for your loss 🙏 R.I.P.*

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**Melvin Hall** - April 06, 2024 at 04:15 PM

MS

“ *Our prayers and thoughts to Betty and family on Richard's call Home. Enjoyed our visits with our special neighbors. God's Peace.*

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**Marilyn and Randy Schmitt** - April 06, 2024 at 09:19 AM

NM

“ *Sorry to hear of Richard's passing. He had been my Blue Hat (Lead person) for many years. He was also just a great guy. RIP*



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**Nancy (Neuroth) Miller** - April 05, 2024 at 10:03 PM

JF

“ *Jo Fulks lit a candle in memory of Richard Witzke*



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**Jo Fulks** - April 05, 2024 at 04:43 PM

KH

“ *James & Peggy and family, our deepest sympathy for you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love always, Tom, Kim, Joe & Sam, and Tim*

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**Kim Halmose** - April 05, 2024 at 01:24 PM

RW

“ *Ruth Westergaard lit a candle in memory of Richard Witzke*



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**Ruth Westergaard** - April 05, 2024 at 10:55 AM

SB

“ *Scott Bodholdt lit a candle in memory of Richard Witzke*



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**Scott Bodholdt** - April 05, 2024 at 07:55 AM

PB

“ *PAT Barnett lit a candle in memory of Richard Witzke*



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**PAT Barnett** - April 04, 2024 at 09:45 PM

MK

“ *What a great guy to have as a lead person at the plant. So sorry for Betty and family! RIP*

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**Mike & Connie Kahnke** - April 04, 2024 at 08:05 PM