

## Robert B. Brostad

January 3, 1920 - December 28, 2015

Robert "Bob" Brostad, age 95, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Monday, December 28, 2015 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Monday, January 4, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in Barnes Township Cemetery in Linn Grove, Iowa. Visitation will take place Sunday, January 3, 2016 from 3-5:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Robert Brostad was born January 3, 1920 in Ramsey County, St. Paul, Minnesota. He was adopted and raised by Charles and Hannah (Davies) Brostad from Linn Grove, Iowa.

Growing up, he attended eight years of grade school in Linn Grove and graduated from Linn Grove High School in 1937. Following high school graduation, Bob attended Business College in Chillicothe, Missouri.

He worked in Ontario, Oregon at a gas station run by his cousin, David Thelen. Bob returned to Linn Grove and began work as a clerk in the post office.

In April 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army and took basic training at Camp Sutton, North Carolina. After a stay at Camp McCoy, he shipped out to Europe in December 1942. Bob then spent two years in Oran, Algeria in North Africa and the last year of the war in Marseilles and Gary, France. Bob was a T5 (Corporal) with the 601 Ordnance Battalion, honorably discharged and returned home in December 1945.

He returned to his job with the post office and married Jean Schramm in 1947 in Linn Grove. Together, they were blessed with two children: John and David.

Bob was an Elder of Riverside Presbyterian Church and has served as Clerk of Session. He has been active in the American Legion (served as adjutant), the Masonic Lodge, Shrine and Consistory (Scottish Rite). He has served on the Buena Vista County Veterans Commission, spent four years on the Board of Directors of the Linn Grove Telephone Company, and six years as Linn Grove City Clerk. In 1984, Bob retired from the post office after serving as a clerk and the last 36 years as a rural mail carrier with the last few years having a route of 100 miles per day. He has been District President of the Rural Letter Carriers Association and is a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

After the passing of their spouses, Bob married Birdella Young.

In his spare time, Bob enjoyed golf, fishing and travel. He treasured his family and loved attending his grandchildren's activities. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his son, John (Roxie) Brostad of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Jared (Shannon) Brostad of Urbandale; Matt (Katie) Brostad of Storm Lake, Iowa; Mike (Jessica) Brostad of Storm Lake, Iowa; great grandchildren: Madeline, Annabel, Nora, and Clare; extended

family and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; son, David in May of 1974; first wife, Jean Brostad and second wife, Birdella Young Brostad.

# Cemetery Details

## Barnes Township Cemetery

Linn Grove, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 3:00 PM - 5:00 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 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake  
211 East 3rd Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

## Interment

JAN 4 (CT)

Barnes Township Cemetery  
Linn Grove, IA



# Tribute Wall

JK

“ *I will miss my coffee buddy...what a guy!*

Jack Kooker - January 04, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ *Kim Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Brostad*



Kim Zimmerman - January 01, 2016 at 10:21 AM

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Lloyd - December 31, 2015 at 01:04 PM

LB

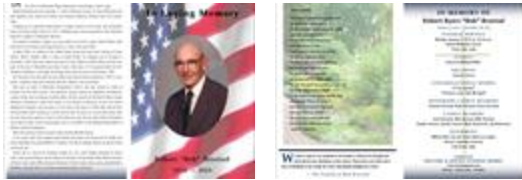
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LB - December 31, 2015 at 11:52 AM

FH

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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - December 30, 2015 at 03:37 PM

JK

“ Jeff & Lory Krummen lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Brostad



Jeff & Lory Krummen - December 30, 2015 at 08:08 AM

JB

“ Dear Brostad Family, My mother, Ruth Ann Cleveland( Snyder) (later Russell) was a classmate and I can remember Bob and Jean from a very early age. Bob was so nice and always had a kind word to say. I know they were very good friends from elementary school. Mother passed away in 2009 at age 89. You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of Bob. A generation to be admired.

Janet Snyder Baccari  
LaQuinta, California

Janet Snyder Baccari - December 30, 2015 at 12:11 AM

AR

“ This is a sad day for me, as well as all of you - when I think back to my childhood, he is one that I can remember from very early on! And the only one that I liked calling me "Annie"! What a great guy he was - delivering the mail, seeing at church, downtown, on Memorial Day, etc - he was bigger than life to me - enjoy all the memories and stories that are flooding in - he was truly loved - God bless you all - will be thinking about you all on Monday - Anne Rehnstrom

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**Anne Rehnstrom** - December 29, 2015 at 04:17 PM

HH

“ John and family,

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this time. Whenever we would go up to Linn Grove for Memorial Day services we would see Bob. He very seldom ever missed a Memorial Day service.*

*We lived just around the corner from the Brostads when I was growing up, and I had Jean for a teacher.*

*I know he will be greatly missed by all of you.*

*Harold and April Hanson  
Sun City West, AZ*

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**Harold Hanson** - December 29, 2015 at 03:34 PM

EN

“ *There was always that friendly smile  
delivering or a honk of the horn delivering  
mail.*



Ed and Janice Nelson - December 29, 2015 at 12:13 PM

CR

“ *Colleen Radcliff lit a candle in memory of  
Robert B. Brostad*



Colleen Radcliff - December 29, 2015 at 09:08 AM

HH

“ *Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Robert  
B. Brostad*



Heidi Howard - December 29, 2015 at 08:12 AM

TC

“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory  
of Robert B. Brostad*



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - December 29, 2015 at 07:14 AM

JM

“ To the Bob Brostad family. John, you and your family have my thoughts and prayers.  
I will never forget your Dad and Mom forever. They made it possible for Minnie and myself to be together for 56 years. I will never forget that in 1958 when I got out of the army, they had it all arranged for them to get Minnie and me together. They had it planned for us to meet at a basket ball game in Linn Grove. I think they and others had us married when I was still in Germany, before we even met. Anyhow your Dad and Mom made a great choice for Minnie and me. I thank them both so much. Very truly , Jerry McKeever I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the services.

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**Jerry McKeever** - December 28, 2015 at 08:12 PM

PG

“ Our sympathy to the entire Brostad family.  
You are in our prayers.  
Lary & Patty Gunville  
Storm Lake, Iowa



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**PATTY GUNVILLE** - December 28, 2015 at 07:54 PM