



Roger Laursen

December 31, 1945 - November 11, 2025

Roger Laursen, age 79, of Aurelia, Iowa died November 11, 2025 at Spencer Hospital in Spencer, Iowa.

Visitation will take place Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 6-8:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 8:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Roger was born December 31, 1945 to Elvin and Betty (Felten) Laursen in Cherokee, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's United Church of Christ near Peterson, Iowa. He attended Brooke School and finished at Sioux Valley School in Linn Grove, graduating in 1963. Roger served in the United States Navy from December 1963 until December 1966.

On September 15, 1975, Roger was united in marriage to Jean Pohlen in Newell, Iowa. They were blessed with two children: Karl and Kristine.

Roger was truly a jack of all trades and worked various jobs throughout his life, including John Deere in several locations and Marcus Lumber. He also worked many years with his uncle Alfred on the Felten milk farm and finally at Spencer Diesel where he was still actively employed. Most of all, Roger loved farming and tending to his cattle on the family farm south of Peterson. In his

free time, he enjoyed reading, attending ballgames and going for a drive. Roger treasured time with his family and was a supporting and loving husband and father, finding time for kids' activities despite busy farm days. Being a Grandpa was one of his favorite roles and his grandchildren held a special place in his heart. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish the memory of Roger include his spouse, Jean Laursen of Aurelia, Iowa; children: Karl (Jennifer) Laursen of Peterson, Iowa; Kristine (Bart) Soliday of Ankeny, Iowa; sister: Eileen (Eugene) Pickhinke of Early, Iowa; brothers: Bruce (Deb) Laursen of Storm Lake, Iowa; Lynn (Janet) Laursen of Aurelia, Iowa; grandchildren: Alex and Austin Soliday of Ankeny, Iowa; Halle, Natalie, and Kailee Laursen of Peterson, Iowa; extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elvin and Betty Laursen; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jack and Lucy Pohlen; brother-in-law, Jim Pohlen.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Prayer Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger Laursen*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 14, 2025 at 06:05 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Stone lit a candle in memory of Roger Laursen*



Debbie Stone - November 15, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ *247 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 14, 2025 at 05:52 PM

JF

“ Jeff and Dana Frey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger Laursen.



Jeff and Dana Frey - November 14, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roger Laursen.



November 14, 2025 at 01:36 PM

JC

“ Jean and family,
I'm so sorry to hear about your husband and dad's death. Jean, I'm glad you have family close by. Take care! Julie and Torrey Carlblom

Julie Carlblom - November 14, 2025 at 11:20 AM

TF

“ The Tarpennig Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger Laursen.



The Tarpennig Families - November 14, 2025 at 09:30 AM

TF

“ The Tarpensing Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Laursen.

The Tarpensing Families - November 14, 2025 at 09:30 AM

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“ The Bob and Lolita Weier Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Laursen.

The Bob and Lolita Weier Family - November 13, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Roger Laursen.



November 13, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Laursen.



November 13, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Laursen.*



November 13, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ *Margaretann L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Laursen.*

Margaretann L. - November 13, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roger Laursen.*



November 13, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ *Frank, Karen & Mike Soliday planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Laursen.*

Frank, Karen & Mike Soliday - November 12, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Roger Laursen.*



November 12, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ *I so enjoyed the joking and laughter with Roger while working with him. He will deeply be missed. My condolences to his family as it will be more than the joking that has been lost.*
Mitch Brandt

Mitch Brandt - November 12, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this. Roger and I grew up together and played together. Loved Betty's cinnamon twists. We played in the cattle tanks and helped bale hay. He was a good, kind man. Took me back to the SF airport when I came to visit. I'm sure they will miss him at work. God Bless you all. Aunt Linda.*

Linda Laursen - November 12, 2025 at 04:52 PM