



Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield

May 15, 1940 - December 23, 2025

Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield, age 85, of Storm Lake, Iowa died December 23, 2025 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, January 3, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, January 2, 2026 from 5-7:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Ronald was born May 15, 1940, the son of Walter and LaVerne (Ahart) Dierenfield in Storm Lake, Iowa. He was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church in rural Schaller on September 22, 1940 and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake on June 13, 1954. Ron attended country school in the Schaller area until his father bought a farm north of Storm Lake. He then attended school in Truesdale, Iowa, graduating in 1958. It was then that Ron began his 60 year farming career along with serving in the Army National Guard until 1966.

On September 3, 1961, Ron was united in marriage to Ellen Herzberg at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta, Iowa. To this union, three children were born: Linda, Susan, Russell.

Ron's faith was the cornerstone of his life. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta where he served in many offices, including elder and Sunday school superintendent. He was a beloved Sunday school teacher and enjoyed competing on the Dartball team. Ron looked forward to couple's club and singing in the church choir. Most recently, he was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Storm Lake where he served as vice chairman.

In his younger years, Ron served on the Alta Co-op Board and was active in the Albert City Threshermans. He was passionate about collecting tractors and restoring them. In his free time, Ron enjoyed going golfing and participating in couple's golf league, playing cards and game nights with friends and family, and bowling on the Alta Bowling league. Ballroom dancing was part of Ron and Ellen's social life. On race day, you could find him watching Nascar. Ron coached his daughter's softball team in grade school and his son's Little League team. He enjoyed attending all of his children and grandchildren's activities. Ron also loved traveling. Some highlights from his travels include stops in Hawaii and his most recent trip to the Noah's Ark and Creation Museum in Kentucky. From 2009 until 2023, Ron and Ellen enjoyed spending winters in Arizona. No matter how busy life would be, Ron would always stay focused on the most important things: faith, family and farming. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Ron is survived by his wife: Ellen Dierenfield of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Linda (Frank) Corr of Independence, Missouri; Susan (Brian) Lindsey of Gilbert, Arizona; Russell (Tracee) Dierenfield of Storm Lake, Iowa; brother: Eugene Dierenfield of Sunrise Beach, Missouri; sisters: Sharon Huntley of Odebolt, Iowa; Diane Krueger of Storm Lake, Iowa; Marilyn Lindsay of Cherokee, Iowa; grandchildren: Ricky (Natalie) Johnson; Ronelle (Dr. Silas) Williams; Lisa Johnson; Grace Dierenfield; Holly (Jesus) Soto; Christie (Bryan) Ruml; great-grandchildren: Ryker Shortino; Silas and Grayson Williams; Allison (Micah) Kauffman; Tyler and Erika Stadheim; great-great-

grandchildren: Faith Kauffman; extended family, many nieces and nephews, and friends.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; great-great-granddaughter: Sunny Kauffman; parents-in-law: LeRoy and Verlet Herzberg; siblings-in-law: Toni Dierenfield; Larry Huntley; Fred Krueger; Ethan Lindsay; and nephew: David Huntley.

Cemetery Details

Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery

875 IA-7
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 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>

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
1407 W. 5th St.
Storm Lake, IA 50588
<http://www.gracestormlake.com>

Tribute Wall

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 05 at 12:31 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield.



January 02 at 08:24 AM

WD

“ Walter DeBock purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield.



Walter DeBock - January 02 at 06:58 AM

WD

“ Walter DeBock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield.

Walter DeBock - January 02 at 06:58 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield.*



January 02 at 02:06 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield.*



January 01 at 10:14 AM



“ *Robert B. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield.*



Robert B. - December 31, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ *Richard B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield.*

Richard B. - December 30, 2025 at 10:15 AM

RB

“ Richard B. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield.



Richard B. - December 30, 2025 at 10:15 AM

TF

“ Tyson Foods planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield.

Tyson Foods - December 29, 2025 at 12:41 PM

TF

“ Tyson Foods purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield.



Tyson Foods - December 29, 2025 at 12:41 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield.



December 29, 2025 at 12:19 PM

DH

“ Our deepest sympathy to you, Ellen, and your family!!

Duane & Eldona Hornor - December 27, 2025 at 11:41 PM

FR

“ *From Emily & Lincoln Rock purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ronald "Ron" Lee Dierenfield.*



From Emily & Lincoln Rock - December 25, 2025 at 10:15 AM