



Royce Larsen

October 21, 1937 - December 14, 2025

Royce Larsen, age 88, of Alta, Iowa died December 14, 2025 at Accura Healthcare in Aurelia.

Memorial services will take place Friday, December 19, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Newell Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be held Thursday, December 18, 2025 from 4-7:00 p.m. at 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.

Royce Charles Larsen was born October 21, 1937 to Ernest Larsen and Irene Wood Larsen. He was born on the family farm northeast of Newell. Welcoming him home were older brothers, Richard and Dean.

Royce was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist Church in Newell. He attended Newell Community School and graduated in 1955. Royce was the first student from Newell to earn the American Farmer Award in 1956. He was very proud when his grandson, Cole, earned the same award some fifty years later. He also earned an Iowa Farmer award during this time.

After graduation, Royce enrolled at Iowa State College and earned a degree in Agricultural Education in 1959. His was the last class to graduate from the

state college before it became Iowa State University in 1960.

After graduation, Royce accepted a teaching position in Hartley, Iowa as the Vocational Agriculture teacher. The friendships he developed in Hartley lasted a lifetime, but the farm kept calling him back. After three years, Royce returned to Newell to take up farming, a vocation he loved. He farmed for forty-five years, was a steward of the land and a compassionate livestock owner. Raising hogs for Kent Feeds and cultivating crops of corn and soybeans brought him great joy. Royce was named a Master Pork Producer in 1968. During these farming years, Royce also served on the Co-op Elevator Board, the Pork Producers Board and the St. Peter Lutheran Church Board. Giving back was part of his life and he also served on the Newell-Providence School Board for twelve years, eight of those as President.

Upon retirement, Royce and Marcyne built a home in Alta, Iowa and settled in. But retirement was boring for Royce and he went back to work at the Pioneer Seed Plant in Aurelia, Iowa. Again, he made new friends, learned new skills and worked there another five years. You could always count on Royce telling a good joke.

Royce Larsen married Marcyne Weitzel on the farm July 3, 1982. Together they blended their five daughters into one family. In addition to his wife, Marcyne, those left to remember him are his daughters Kimberly Larsen (Mary Beth) of Asheville, NC; Terri Demers (Doug) of Blair, Nebraska; and Synthia Magnussen (Duane) of Newell, IA and stepdaughters, Mylynn Hanson (Wade) of Sioux Falls, SD and Rhonda Crandall (Don) of Chandler, AZ.

Royce is also survived by five grandchildren, Cole Magnussen (Ashley) of Sioux Rapids, IA; Stephanie Iverson (Zach) of Brandon, SD; Amy McIntosh (Andrew) of Omaha, NE; Morgan Feltner (Cole) of Alta, IA; and Michael Demers (Sarah) of Elkhorn, NE. Five step grandchildren added to the joy –

Paige Korn of Mount Vernon, WA; Cassidy LaMarca (Veronica) of Chandler, AZ; Brett Korn of Sioux Falls, SD; Britney Randolph (Josh) of Manning, IA and Evan Hanson of Yankton, SD. Royce's great grandchildren brought him much happiness and looked forward to their visits – Sawyer, Walker, and Chloe Magnussen; Elliot and Calvin Iverson; Ellie and Reed Feltner; Baby McIntosh due in March; Serenity Korn; and Seth, Zach, and Jackson Randolph; along with the many friends and neighbors left to celebrate his life.

Royce Charles Larsen was preceded in death by his parents, his two older brothers and his parents-in-law Clive and Gertie Simpson. Also passing before him were brother-in-law Floyd Simpson and nephews Randall Larsen, Kent Simpson, and John Simpson.

Cemetery Details

Newell Cemetery

E. Jensen St.
Newell, IA 50568

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 4:00 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>

Memorial Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake
1614 West 5th Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588
<http://www.stmarkstormlake.com/>

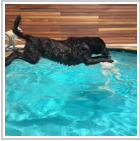
Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Royce Larsen* ”



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 18, 2025 at 01:25 PM



“ *Susan Shahoda lit a candle in memory of Royce Larsen* ”



Susan Shahoda - December 19, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ *Steve Rosenboom lit a candle in memory of Royce Larsen* ”



Steve Rosenboom - December 18, 2025 at 03:19 PM

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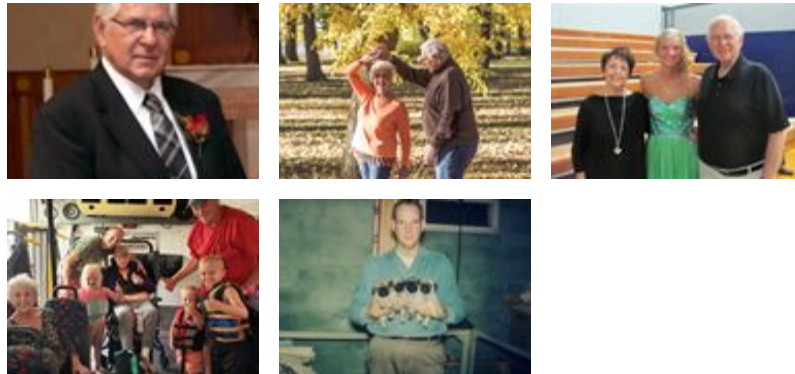
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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 18, 2025 at 01:25 PM



“ 228 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 18, 2025 at 01:13 PM

SB

“ Sharon Buchholz lit a candle in memory of Royce Larsen



Sharon Buchholz - December 18, 2025 at 12:11 PM

EC

“ *Evan & Diane Cox lit a candle in memory of Royce Larsen*



Evan & Diane Cox - December 18, 2025 at 09:00 AM

RM

“ *Ryan and Sherry Mandernach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Royce Larsen.*

Ryan and Sherry Mandernach - December 17, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Royce Larsen.*



December 17, 2025 at 06:41 PM

CD

“ *Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Royce Larsen*



Cheryl DeMan - December 17, 2025 at 04:35 PM

AS

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for comfort!



Angie Shedd - December 17, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JD

“ John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Royce Larsen



John/Connie Demers - December 16, 2025 at 11:05 PM

BR

“ Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Royce Larsen



Bev Reis - December 16, 2025 at 04:22 PM

MJ

“ Mike & Shelly Jensen lit a candle in memory of Royce Larsen



Mike & Shelly Jensen - December 16, 2025 at 01:03 PM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Royce Larsen*



John/Connie Demers - December 16, 2025 at 08:12 AM

CL

“ *Was blessed to have met Royce and his wife about a year go at Accura Health and he always was very nice to me and the staff loved his humor. I will miss you table mate and I referred to him as Mr. Chairman,*

Courtney Lytle - December 15, 2025 at 11:40 PM

PO

“ *Rip Royce, Dad and I loved visiting with you over the years. Give him a hug for me in the next life!!!!*

Pat O'Leary - December 15, 2025 at 08:01 PM

CR

“ *Royce was one of my favorite customers when I worked at Bomgaars*



Connie Roche - December 15, 2025 at 07:38 PM