



## Allen H. Jessen

August 8, 1947 - August 21, 2022

NORFOLK -- Private family graveside service for Allen H. Jessen, 75, of Norfolk was held on Saturday, September 3, 2022 at the Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk. Father Pat McLaughlin officiated the graveside service. Allen passed away on Sunday, August 21, 2022 near Dwight, NE as the result of a car accident. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Friends and family are invited to remember Allen at a memorial service at Stonacek Funeral Chapel on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 10:30 am. Mr. Jessen's nephew Rev. Curt Wingert will preside at the service. In addition, there will be a visitation on Friday, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk.

Allen was born August 8, 1947 in Sioux City, Iowa to Hans and Marian (Nelsen) Jessen. He was one of four children, growing up on a farm near Homer, Neb. There he was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He grew up working on the farm. He attended a one room schoolhouse about which we heard many stories. He graduated from Homer High School in 1965.

Because no one he knew had attended Augustana University, he chose to go there. He earned a bachelor's of science in mathematics from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD in 1969. In 2003, he earned a master's of education degree in curriculum and instruction from Doane University in

Crete, Neb.

Allen married Constance (Connie) Heinz on August 4, 1972. They just recently celebrated 50 years of marriage and lifelong love. He was the light of Connie's life. Even after 50 years, Connie still got butterflies when he walked into a room or at the sound of his voice. Allen didn't seem to notice her gray hair or wrinkles. They made each other's hearts happy.

The two built a family together that meant everything to Allen. They raised two children, Renee and Paul, who were the center of their world. Allen was proud of both of his children and who they became as adults. And he loved his grandchildren more than anything.

Allen, who taught in Norfolk for most of his career, was a well-loved math teacher. Former students would visit him and tell him how much they liked having him as a teacher. He started at Norfolk Junior High in 1969, moving to Homer to farm in 1973. He taught in Ponca from 1973-74. And, then came back to Norfolk Junior High in 1983. He retired from teaching in May 2011. He spent time in the math help room at Northeast Community College after retirement.

Allen loved being outdoors – hunting, fishing, checking cattle with friends and restoring an old Oliver with his dad. Another passion was gardening, and he would grow anything that would come from the ground –corn beans, tomatoes, and whatever his grandchildren requested. He always had that farmer in him and with the help of a tractor, his garden expanded every year and that doesn't even include the orchard. He felt that a movie wasn't worth watching unless it had a horse and a pretty girl in it. He didn't know when he said "I do" how many concerts that would involve but once the grandkids were born, no one encouraged them more to be musical and he never missed a concert.

Allen is preceded in death by his parents Hans and Marian Jessen, parents in law Vernon and Marcella Heinz, sisters Mary Louise Jessen and Sharen Wingert, brother-in-law Charles Heinz and sister-in-law Rae Jean Jessen.

Allen is survived by his wife, Connie, daughter Renee (Rhett) McClure, son Paul (Meredith) and grandchildren Harper, Maxwell, Miles McClure, Samuel, Lillian and Adelynn Jessen. He is also survived by his brother Larry, brothers-in-law Ray Wingert, Ken (Sue) Heinz, Steve (Brenda) Heinz and sisters-in-law Mary (Gary) Pinger and Kathy (Kent) Adamson. He also has many beloved nieces and nephews. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Allen H. Jessen*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *To the man that took his family to Alaska for the summer "just for the halibut", you are loved and missed every day, with every breath. May your loved ones find peace and comfort from their treasured memories. Sending all my love, Janet R. B. Anderson*

**Janet Anderson** - April 26, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allen H. Jessen.*



April 26, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Allen H. Jessen.*



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“ *He was a good teacher and wonderful person who touched the lives of many students.*

*-Dan DePasquale*

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**Dan DePasquale** - April 26, 2023 at 10:39 AM