



## Gerald B. "Jerry" Jessen

October 15, 1937 - February 13, 2023

NORFOLK - Funeral service for Gerald B. "Jerry" Jessen, 85, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 am, Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Officiating the service will Interment Pastor Mike Gardner. The burial will be held at the Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be held 4:00-7:00 pm, Monday, February 20, at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel website at <https://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com/obituaries/Gerald-Jessen/#!/PhotosVideos>. Jerry passed away on Monday, February 13, 2023 at the Community Pride Care Center in Battle Creek. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Jerry was born on October 15, 1937 in Redfield, South Dakota to Hans and Otilia "Tillie" (Pfister) Jessen. Jerry attended school in Redfield. Jerry married Carol June Booze on June 20, 1955 in Redfield. Jerry started his career at a grocery store and worked his way up to head butcher. He was known at the grocery store for serenading his customers and coworkers. He next went into the restaurant business, where he and Carol owned and operated a 24-hour restaurant at a truck stop. The couple expanded their business by opening a butcher shop behind the restaurant. In the late 1960s, Jerry went to work for Combined Insurance Company and worked there until 1988, when he started his own insurance company, Jessen's Professional Insurance Agency in Norfolk. As a family-owned business, Jerry brought on all of his children to

work with him, which made him and Carol proud. Jerry retired in 2019. Jerry enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, riding horses, playing and watching sports and most, he loved to spend time with his wife and family.

Survivors include spouse Carol Jessen of Norfolk, children Steven (Darla) Jessen, Dale (Chris) Jessen, Wade (Jane) Jessen, and Dawn Jessen, all of Norfolk, 10 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild, siblings Arlen Jessen of Tulare, South Dakota, Richard (Cathy) Jessen of Tulare, and Rosemary (Richard) Tubandt of Tulare. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Hans and Tillie, grandson Christopher Jessen, 2 great-granddaughters Kennedy and Sadie, grandson-in-law Wayne Mackeprang, siblings Arthur (Janet) Jessen, Raymond (Donna) Jessen, Darwin (Sharol) Jessen and sister-in-law Diane Jessen.

Casket bearers will be Anthony Jessen, Jared Jessen, Josh Swan, Micah Jessen, Keldon Loecker, Ryan Stusse Sr, Ryan Stusse Jr, and Ben Hanna. Honorary casket bears will be Kristel, Kandace, Kysa, Leah, Wesley, Willow, Autumn, Ashton, Colton, Amber, Adam, Vivica, Esabel, Octavia, Kalee, Afftyynn, Kael, Bria, Amy, Olivia, Emma, Jack, Kay, Rachel, Ellie, Sara, Sawyer, Finn, Amelia, Laura, Piper, Ashley, Paul, and Ethan. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
[info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com)  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Gerald B. "Jerry" Jessen*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - February 21, 2023 at 11:11 AM

CW

*Thank you for the video. Do you also video at the cemetery?  
That was the prefect song at the end. although Your audio was hard to hear.*

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**Colleen West** - February 21, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ *Gerald B. "Jerry" Jessen*

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October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM

CW

“ 73 files added to the album theJessen



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**Colleen West** - February 21, 2023 at 01:45 PM

JC

“ *Condolences to the family on your loss.*

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**John Campbell** - February 21, 2023 at 10:58 AM

LN

“ *Lovingly your niece, Novice purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerald B. "Jerry" Jessen.*



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**Lovingly your niece, Novice** - February 20, 2023 at 10:49 AM

CW

“ *Jerry Carol-and Autumn*



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**colleen west** - February 20, 2023 at 12:48 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald B. "Jerry" Jessen.*



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February 19, 2023 at 06:21 PM

CM

“ *Sending prayers to Uncle Jerry's family. I have so many childhood memories of our families being together! Cyndi(Booze) Miller*

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**Cyndi Miller** - February 18, 2023 at 11:52 PM

JW

“ My goodness I'm sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I guess proof that some people who grace our presence, we are just never ready to see go. Jerry made everyone more special, that knew him and made every person who knew him a better person! I was so honored. My deepest sympathy to his wonderful family at this horrible time of loss.

Jesse Wright - February 18, 2023 at 03:38 PM

TM

“ The Mackeprangs purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gerald B. "Jerry" Jessen.



The Mackeprangs - February 18, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald B. "Jerry" Jessen.



February 16, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald B. "Jerry" Jessen.



February 15, 2023 at 10:09 PM

BJ

“ Brad and Kristina Jessen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald B. "Jerry" Jessen.



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**Brad and Kristina Jessen** - February 15, 2023 at 10:30 AM

CW

“ Since the first time I met Uncle Jerry he had open arms , thick steaks , horses to ride and my favorite Aunt and 4 very welcoming playful kids. They all share the love for our family! . Norfolk Ne. Has the best firework show! He is the best Uncle that was more like a father. He guided me right in finance. He lived life to the fullest and I was so lucky to tag along. Thank you for the memories. Love you to the moon! Your niece Colleen West



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**colleen west** - February 14, 2023 at 04:54 PM