



## Ronald L. Soenksen

July 30, 1944 - July 23, 2017

PIERCE — Services for Ronald L. Soenksen, 72, Pierce, will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 28, at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. The Rev. Gordon Bruce and Vicar Jonathan Torreson will officiate. Burial will be at the Bancroft City Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the church. Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce is in charge of the arrangements.

He died Sunday, July 23, 2017, at Stanton Health Center in Stanton.

Born July 30, 1944, at Bancroft, Ronald Lee Soenksen was born to Mynhardt E. Soenksen and Cora (Leimer) Soenksen. He was baptized on Aug. 20, 1944, and confirmed April 6, 1958, at Zion Lutheran Church at Bancroft. He attended Bancroft Public Schools and graduated in 1962. He then attended Norfolk Junior College, Wayne State and then went to Kalamazoo Michigan for his master's degree in mathematics. His first teaching job led him to Pierce, where he taught for over 35 years. He also helped coach football, receiving several awards, including assistant coach of the year in 1988. Ron enjoyed carpentry, and he built and remodeled several homes through the years. He also loved fishing with his buddies, attending grandchildren's various activities, including sports and traveling with family and friends. Ron married Joyce Schomberg in 1970. Three daughters were born to them: Melissa, Paula and Laura.

On Aug. 31, 2002, Ron married Patricia Ladely at Zion Lutheran Church. He then acquired another family, as Pat had four grown children of her own and two grandchildren.

Survivors include his spouse, Patricia Soenksen of Pierce; daughters Melissa (Jason) Macklin of Roca, Paula (Tony) Siske of Norfolk and Laura (Chris) Thompson of Omaha; stepchildren Amy (CL) Bellew of Hershey, Wade Ladely of Bridgeport, Wyatt (Stephanie) Ladely of Valentine and Kristi Ladely of South Sioux City; 10 grandchildren, Grace Macklin, Blake Macklin, Clare Macklin, Toryn Siske, Tenyson Siske, Audrey Thompson, Landen Thompson, Harper Lange, Kyle Bellew and Audrey Bellew; his mother, Cora (Leimer) Soenksen of Pender; a brother, Lyle (Karen) Soenksen of West Point; and a sister, Flora (Terry) Larson of Lusk, Wyo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mynhardt Soenksen; his brothers-in-law, Charles Sokol and Ronnie Johnson; and a nephew, Travis Schwartz.

Organist will be Dottie Ahlers and congregational hymns will be "How Great Thou Art," "Old Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace." Casket bearers will be Tony Schwartz, Rodney Schwartz, Wade Ladely, Wyatt Ladely, Chris Thompson, Tony Siske, Jason Macklin and Larry Johnson. Honorary pallbearers will be Duane Spale, Greg Warneke, Mark Brahmer, Donrel Herbolsheimer, Larry Hoefener, Boyd Blomenkamp, Gerry Gdowski, Rick Sirek, Dick Zierke, Chuck Micek, Rob Andrews and Chuck Shores.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Bancroft Cemetery

Bancroft, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Pierce  
520 East Main Street  
Pierce, NE 68767  
<http://www.zionlutheranpierce.com>

## Service

JUL 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald L. Soenksen*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - July 26, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ *Ronald L. Soenksen*

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October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Doug and our grandson Nixon enjoyed fishing in Ron's pond--he will miss doing that and talking with Ron and always asked to go fishing at Ron's!!! Doug and Brenda Seegebarth*

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**Brenda & Doug Seegebarth** - July 27, 2017 at 07:10 PM



“ *Pat & family:*

*Thoughts and. prayers to you. during this difficult time. My the many memories of Ron comfort you in the days ahead.*

*God be with you*

*Barb Haase*

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**Barb Haase** - July 27, 2017 at 01:21 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to your family. Mr. Soenksen was one of my math teachers in high school, and I credit him for teaching me geometry skills that I utilize today. One of my fondest memories is that he would have all of the students sign a piece of paper, and have us make paper airplanes toward the end of the class period around noon. We would throw them into the air, and the one that went the farthest got to go to lunch first after the bell rang. May the Lord comfort your family members during this time of grief and sorrow.

*Gayla Koerting*  
*Pierce High School Class, 1981*

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**Gayla** - July 27, 2017 at 08:07 AM

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“ Dale, Vivian, Beau Licking Shawn Bellew & sons purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ronald L. Soenksen.



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**Dale, Vivian, Beau Licking Shawn Bellew & sons** - July 27, 2017 at 07:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Soenksen.



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July 26, 2017 at 10:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Soenksen.



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July 26, 2017 at 08:52 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Soenksen.



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July 26, 2017 at 07:35 PM



“ *I was sorry to read of Ron's passing. I first met Ron this past winter when he happened to sit in front of us at several Norfolk High basketball games. We had some great conversations, mostly about basketball and other sports. He told me he was Tony's father-in-law and told me about his career at Pierce. I will miss seeing and visiting with him at the games next season. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Don Dammast** - July 26, 2017 at 06:18 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Soenksen.



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July 26, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Soenksen.*



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July 26, 2017 at 02:34 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Soenksen.*



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July 26, 2017 at 12:48 PM



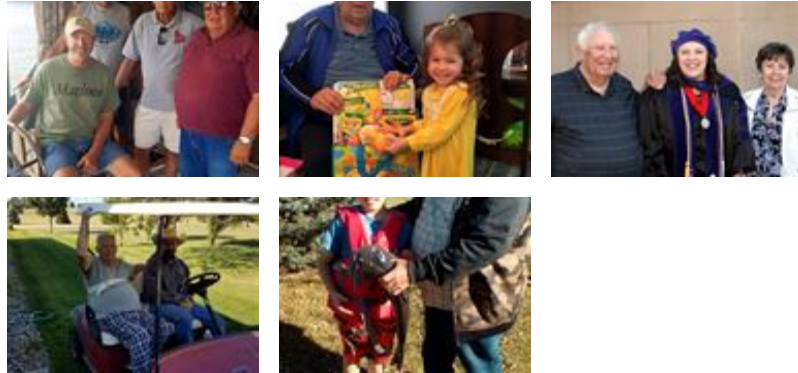
“ *Sorry to read about Ron's passing we were friends and classmates at NJC Those were some great times with great memories Even though I haven seen him since then I am. saddened to loose an old classmate. Lester Scheffler*

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**LesterScheffler** - July 26, 2017 at 10:33 AM



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - July 26, 2017 at 08:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Soenksen.



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July 25, 2017 at 11:17 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Ronnie. Best memories of his smile and laughter..always cheerful and positive was while we shared the halls at Bancroft High School. A great guy, will be missed.*

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**Cheryl Dixon** - July 25, 2017 at 07:12 PM



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel - July 25, 2017 at 04:31 PM**