



Russell "Russ" W. Jensen

June 18, 1946 - July 8, 2025

RANDOLPH – Funeral services for Russell Wayne Jensen, 79, of Randolph will be held on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Randolph. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services. Per the wishes of Russ and his family, golf attire is welcomed. Pastor Bob Kracht will be officiating the services. Private family burial will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to family for designation to Randolph Community Golf Course, and please consider becoming a blood donor. Russ passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at his residence in Randolph with his family at his side. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Randolph is in charge of the arrangements.

Russ was born on June 18, 1946, in Minden, Nebraska, to Glenville 'Dynie' Wayne and Lily Marian (Christensen) Jensen. He attended school at Minden Public Schools where he was a member of the Whippet wrestling team and the golf team. He graduated from Minden High School in 1964. Russ went to Kearney State College and earned a bachelor's degree in education as a mathematics major and physical sciences major. As a freshman and a sophomore, he wrestled for the Kearney State Lopers. During his sophomore year, he met a fellow undergrad, Dorothy Marie (Kroll), while she was working at Safeway as a check-out clerk. Dorothy and Russ were married on July 2, 1967, at Zion Lutheran Church in Kearney, Nebraska. As college-aged newlyweds, they made ends meet by working overnights at a roadside

restaurant near Gibbon, Nebraska, where Russ was the fry cook, and Dorothy was the waitress. As the fry cook, Russ honed his lifelong omelet making skills. Following graduation, they taught at Mullen Public Schools, where Russ coached the Bronco wrestlers as they earned a team championship in 1969.

Russ and Dorothy moved to Randolph in 1970, where they would teach at Randolph Public Schools for the next 32 years. Russ earned a master's in mathematics education from the University of Arizona - Tucson in 1973, having spent three memorable summers in Tucson with Dorothy and fellow master's students who became their lifelong friends. As a math and science educator at Randolph, Russ also coached many Cardinal sports over the years, including junior high football, girls track, and golf. But he was most proud of helping start the wrestling program in 1970 and coaching the many individual champions over the years. Following retirement in 2002, Russ and Dorothy traveled extensively throughout the country and visited 49 of the 50 states. Everything was "on the way" for Russ and Dorothy, which meant you could find them on the road visiting friends and family and checking out all the attractions. Their adventures were numerous. Russ and Dorothy spent many winters in the Rio Grande Valley with their fellow Winter Texans. Russ enjoyed golfing throughout his life and took great joy in the Randolph Community Golf Course. Russ was always up for a card game with his grandkids and greatly enjoyed attending their music and sporting events.

Russ is survived by his wife, Dorothy; three children, Lynn Annette (James) Munter, Michael Wayne (Elizabeth) Jensen, and Gregory Earl (Amanda) Jensen; and eight grandchildren, John Munter, Natalie Munter, Emma Munter, Parker Jensen, Katherine Jensen, Thomas Jensen, Mary Jensen, and Emily Jensen.

Russ was preceded in death by his parents Dynie and Lily Jensen; mother-in-law, Pauline Kroll; sister, Janet O'Connor; and brother-in-law, Raye Woodman.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **14.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Randolph
107 E. Hwy 20
Randolph, NE 68771
(402) 337-2016
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ David/Emily O’Neill, Kari/Tre Brashear purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Russell "Russ" W. Jensen.



David/Emily O’Neill, Kari/Tre Brashear - July 13, 2025 at 05:24 PM

DB

“ David/Emily O’Neill, Kari/Tre Brashear planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell "Russ" W. Jensen.

David/Emily O’Neill, Kari/Tre Brashear - July 13, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Russell "Russ" W. Jensen.



July 12, 2025 at 08:17 AM

LK

“ Lauren K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell "Russ" W. Jensen.

Lauren K. - July 11, 2025 at 11:30 PM

PR

“ Dorothy and Russ were new to Randolph about the same time as I was. As teachers our paths intersected in a variety of ways. They hosted a lovely, fun and most memorable 'couples shower' before our wedding. That party was the first of many social gatherings in our young married lives. Our oldest children were born the same year; we raised our families in the wonderfully unique surroundings of small town Randolph and served in several community organizations together. Russ was our children's math and science teacher. All of us enjoyed his sense of humor. Russ was a skilled and versatile handyman and could remodel their house in a couple of weekends, it seemed! Though relocation separated us, memories of time with Russ and Dorothy are among our fondest. May Russ's memory live on and be a source of comfort for each of you, Dorothy, Lynn, Michael, and Greg.

Patrick and Linda Rogers - July 11, 2025 at 04:57 PM

YC

“ Your Friends Midwest Dermatology Clinic purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Russell "Russ" W. Jensen.



Your Friends Midwest Dermatology Clinic - July 11, 2025 at 01:04 PM

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“ Your Friends Midwest Dermatology Clinic planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell "Russ" W. Jensen.

Your Friends Midwest Dermatology Clinic - July 11, 2025 at 01:04 PM

TF

“ *The Mike and Jennifer Hosch Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Russell "Russ" W. Jensen.*



The Mike and Jennifer Hosch Family - July 11, 2025 at 09:46 AM

KS

“ *Dorothy, My daughter here in Greenville, SC, notice a teen mowing a lawn in her neighborhood, noting that he looked like he knew what he was doing! Since she needed someone to mow her lawn, she contacted him and learned that in fact his dad was from Nebraska. My daughter gained confidence, because she grew up in Nebraska, too, graduating from Wilcox-Hildreth High School. The teenage boy is your grandson, if you didn't put that together yet. She just contacted me to let me know that his Grandfather Russ had died and she sent me the link to his obituary. Now, I served Trinity Lutheran Church, Hildreth for 8-9 years a while back, just after the three churches merged. Loved every minute of it! My brother Todd was a math educator graduating from Kearney State College, but is a couple years younger than Russ. It is a small world, isn't it. Blessings are already being found in many wonderful memories. May you find them as well in times of grief. Reverend Kim A. Stover, Retired.*

Klm Stover - July 10, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Russell "Russ" W. Jensen.



July 10, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Russell "Russ" W. Jensen.



July 09, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Russell "Russ" W. Jensen.



July 09, 2025 at 05:11 PM

MM

“ Dorothy and Family, Blessings for Peace and Comfort at this Difficult Time. I am so sorry you are having to go through the loss of the wonderful Husband, Dad, and Papa, who meant so much to each one of you. Russ was a Good Man, whose life had such a Positive Impact not only on you, his Family, but also on so many others - students, friends, and people with whom he came in contact daily as he lived out the adventure of his life these many years. The way Russell Wayne Jensen lived his life on this earth indeed made a Difference! Our World is a better place for Russ having been here and leaving us with the light of his example. Hugs to Russ' Family and Prayers for each of you.



Molly Mulqueen - July 09, 2025 at 04:31 PM



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