



Leslie "Les" Jerome Ausen

October 26, 1922 - April 4, 2015

Leslie "Les" J. Ausen, 92, formerly of Rockford, IA died on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at the Faith Lutheran Home in Osage, IA.

A Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church, 805 E Main St., Rockford, IA. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. with a one hour prior visitation on Friday, April 10, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church with Pastor Bob Schuerer officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Rockford.

Les was born on October 26, 1922 in rural Lake Mills, IA to John and Gena (Sanvik) Ausen. He graduated from Lake Mills High School in 1940. Shortly after, Les met the love of his life, Arlene Haugen. In 1944, Les was drafted into the Army and the couple became engaged shortly before he deployed to Europe. He served during WWII, fought in the Battle of the Bulge and earned a Purple Heart after being wounded while serving in Italy.

On August 11, 1946 he was united in marriage to Arlene at the Winnebago Church in Lake Mills. They resided in Ames, IA while Les earned his Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Education at Iowa State. In 1949, the couple moved to Rockford, IA where Les taught Vocational Agriculture at RRMR Schools for 36 years until he retired in 1985. Les loved teaching both students and adult continuing education classes in the Rudd, Rockford and Marble

Rock communities.

Les was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church and served on several church committees. He was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, American Legion in Rockford and Osage, and a charter member of the Rockford Lions Club. In his free time Les enjoyed fishing trips to Canada, golfing, reading and wintering in Florida. Above all else, Les enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be remembered for his agricultural legacy left in the Rockford community.

Those left to cherish his memory include four children: Kathy Ausen of Winston Salem, NC, John (Karen) Ausen of Des Moines, IA, Julie (Kevin) Roske of Hillsdale, WI and Jane (Daryl) Larson of Nora Springs, IA; brother, Robert (Yvonne) Ausen of Janesville, WI; grandchildren, Nicol (Marcus) Jones, Danielle (Ken) Sturgis, Nathaniel (Liz) Roske, Joshua (Tanya) Roske, Eric Larson and Laura (Aaron) Cunningham; and Great-Grandchildren, Gianna and Dominic Jones and Makenna, Korbin and Emmett Roske.

He was preceded in death by wife Arlene in 2010, his parents and his brothers and sisters.

Online condolences may be left at www.fullertonfh.com. Arrangements are with Fullerton Schumburg Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 302 West Main, Rockford, Iowa 50468 641-756-3311, www.Fullertonfh.com

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Rockford, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
805 E Main
Rockford, IA

Service

APR 10. 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
805 E Main
Rockford, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie "Les" Jerome Ausen*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Les passing away! He was a tenant at Evergreen Senior Living in Osage in which I was employed by. I had the privileged of getting to know your mother -Arlene as well but sadly that was a shorter period of time. Les was always a treat to have conversation with! Always had a smile on his face and like to joke around! My sympathy goes out to your families ! Les will dearly be missed but he is now at peace and is joined by the love of his life- Arlene and is at peace. I am feeling blessed that I had the pleasure of knowing both of your parents and am sure they left behind many wonderful memories and hope they are shared often! Thinking of you all-*

*Kathy Boehmer
Osage, Ia*

Kathy Boehmer - April 28, 2015 at 03:06 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of your dads passing. You have my sympathies Kathy.
Sincerely Susan Mitchell Robinson*

Susan Robinson - April 11, 2015 at 06:46 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss of les
Sincerely
Rick colby just heard*

rick colby - April 11, 2015 at 02:45 PM



“ I fondly remember teaching with Les at RRMR. I was the Home Economics teacher when Les retired and remember him as a gentle, caring, and helpful man that loved his family. He was a great mentor for a young teacher and shared the "vocational" part of learning. We shared memories of working together and got updates about your family when we would run into him and your mom after his retirement.

My sincere sympathy goes out to your family. I know you will miss him greatly. May your memories of him and your mom stay always close in your heart.

Linda Dewey Johnson

Linda Johnson - April 10, 2015 at 11:50 AM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Jerome Ausen.



April 09, 2015 at 09:43 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Jerome Ausen.



April 08, 2015 at 10:16 PM

TO

“ I will always remember "Mr. Ausen" as very patient man. Rarely did he did he lose his temper in class and looking back at things he surely could have a lot more often. I had the chance to visit ith him just a few years back he was still the same, eager to visit! The world has lost a true gentleman. May your family find peace in this moment of sorrow. God Bless

Todd Ott

todd ott - April 08, 2015 at 08:58 PM



“ Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Jerome Ausen.



April 08, 2015 at 05:52 PM

MC

“ We were sad to read this in the paper. Your folks were such nice people and good neighbors! While working at the High School your Dad was one of my favorite teachers. I never heard him say a bad word about any of his students.. So sorry for your loss.

Our sympathy

Melvin and Cheryl Chapman

melvin and Cheryl Chapman - April 08, 2015 at 10:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Jerome Ausen.



April 08, 2015 at 09:52 AM



“ *I have enjoyed Les and Arlene ever since they moved to Osage. I believe my first connection was through P.E.O. What a lovely couple! They showed such compassion for each other. They seemed to love the visits and our church choir Christmas caroling! It has to be hard to see them go in their time. Les's obituary was a wonderful tribute and his picture - so him!!!*

My sympathies to the family. Know they were both loved by all.

Sincerely,

Jan Witt

Osage, IA

Jan Witt - April 08, 2015 at 09:07 AM



“ *Rob and Pam Ausen purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Leslie "Les" Jerome Ausen.*



Rob and Pam Ausen - April 07, 2015 at 08:56 PM

LG

“ *Ausen Family, I remember your dad quite well. Your parents were great people and great paper customers of mine. I remember one time they took me to Charles City to see my mom, who was in the hospital and Julie was her roommate! We had a good time eating lots of ice chips! They also took me along when they went to Joy Engelstad's graduation in St Ansgar. You will have good memories of them. Liz Gabel*

Liz Gabel - April 07, 2015 at 07:32 PM

JS

“ *To Les Ausen's friends and family,
What a stellar person in old age. The Lutheran home had to have been mighty happy to have had a patient like Les. In his last two years I was privileged to meet him. To those of you that went to the crossword and trivia pursuits on Monday mornings I say three cheers for the joys we shared. Les must have loved Louis L'amore the author of over fifty books. One morning the question was about this author, and after some thinking and guessing I said Louis L'amore. Wow was he disgusted that he did not have that on the tip of his tongue. Then he went into this story about having read and having all fifty books....after that I had something in common with Les.....besides teaching, plants, animals, and some chemistry to share...he made my Monday morning along with the other consumers and staff a neat experience..*

jane stauffer - April 07, 2015 at 02:46 PM

SM

“ *Jane and family, I always enjoyed your dad's visits to the Extension office and his dedication to his students at county fair. Though it is always hard to say our last good bye to our parents, take comfort in your happy memories. Live long and prosper--a good description of your dad. Sue McDonnell*

Sue McDonnell - April 07, 2015 at 08:59 AM

LH

“ *Every beginning teacher needs a mentor and Les was mine! When Sharon and I came to Rockford in the fall of 1963 Les was the first staff member to offer his assistance to me in learning "the ropes" of teaching in general and what was expected from a teacher working in the RRMR District in specific. A more honest man I have never met! The Ausen family can be proud of the legacy Les left to the RRMR Schools and the communities they served!*

Larry & Sharon Hicok - April 06, 2015 at 10:16 PM

GF

“ *Gervis Blaser and families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Leslie "Les" Jerome Ausen.*



Gervis Blaser and families - April 06, 2015 at 03:02 PM