

Remembrance

Allan Lee Larsen,

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April 21, 1926 - Feb. 11, 2019

ELK HORN – Allan Lee, son of Nels and Marie (Fredricksen) Larsen, was born April 21, 1926, southeast of Elk Horn. He graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1944 where competing in basketball and baseball was a favorite memory from those days.

Allan enlisted in the Navy in high school and just days after graduation headed to Farragut, ID for military training with the United States Navy. He served on the USS Ozark and then proceeded to the US 7th fleet. Allan fought battles in the Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He was on the twin 40 gun crew and manned the 5" gun as 1st shell man thanks to his height. He was on the ship in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, when the peace treaty was signed. Allan was honorably discharged in 1946.

On September 21, 1950, Allan was united in marriage with Reta Hansen at Elk Horn Lutheran Church where he was baptized and confirmed. Three daughters were born to this union.

Allan drove a tank wagon for a local gas station, owned a cream route and worked for Larsen Construction until 1982 building and renovating several homes in the area. Allan then worked for Danish Mutual Insurance until he retired in 1994.

Allan was a faithful member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, serving on the board and as an usher and deacon. He was a member of the American Legion for 72 years. Allan also served as Director of the Danish Mill corporation and was part of the Danish Mutual Insurance Association for nine years. He was on the volunteer fire department squad, the Elk Horn town council, and volunteered for various town functions.

Allan loved driving around the town of Elk Horn, which he was very proud of, drinking coffee with his buddies at the round table, and of course, cheering for the Yankees and his own hometown team.

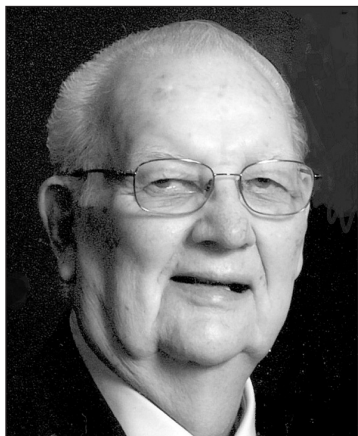
Allan passed away Monday, Feb. 11, 2019.

Preceding Allan in death were his parents; brother Kenneth Larsen; sisters-in-law Marge Hansen and Mildred Anderson; brothers-in-law Dallas Hansen and Milo Anderson; and sons-in-law Jim Urban and Michael Doiel.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Reta Hansen Larsen; three daughters: Becky Runyan (Don) of Falls City, NE; Carol Urban of Underwood; and Jane (Steve) Kahl of Fishers, IN; four grandchildren: Darcy Demmel (Paul) of Chicago, IL; Andy Runyan of York, NE; Scott Urban of Omaha, NE; and Alissa Kahl of Fishers, IN; one great-grand-daughter Amalia Demmel of Chicago; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many special friends.

A funeral service was held 11 a.m. Thursday, February 14, 2019 at Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn. Rev. Keith Menter officiated. Honorary Casket Bearers included Kent Larsen, Kevin Larsen, Charles Fredricksen, Wayne Andersen, Doug Johnson, Friends of the Round Table. Casket Bearers were Andy Runyan, Scott Urban, Paul Demmel, Mark Larsen, Rick Hansen, Marc Shelstrom, Lynn Juelsgaard and Dave Steen. Military honors were provided by American Legion Post 322, Elk Horn, U.S. Navy Guard.

Ohde Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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