



Richard Albert Jensen

August 20, 1923 - May 7, 2020

Richard A. Jensen, 96, Edina, died peacefully at home on May 7.

Dick was born, August 20, 1923, in Kimball, MN, and grew up in Albert Lea, MN, where he met the love of his life, Betty Anne Hansen, in the first grade. They were married in 1943, and she preceded him in death in 2003.

Following WWII military service in Germany and France, he returned home to start his family and to begin what became a long and distinguished career. He loved to work, first weeding onions when he was eight years old and finally retiring at the age of 89. He held many positions with Mobil Oil, served as president of SuperAmerica for fifteen years and five years as group vice president of Ashland Petroleum Company. He was president and CEO of Cumberland Farms, (MA) and later as a consultant. For many, he is considered the “Father of Convenience Stores,” and received a variety of awards for service in that industry.

He will be missed by many who loved him and are grateful for his long and healthy life, especially his children, Nancy Agneberg (Bruce), St Paul; Scott (Teresa), Northfield; and Amy Stark (Ted), Edina; along with his grandchildren and great grandchildren: Kate Agneberg Ostrem (Mike), St Paul, and their children, Maren and Peter; Geof Agneberg (Cricket), Cleveland, OH; Andrew Jensen, Edina; Celie Jensen Petty (Christian), St Paul, and their children, Felix and Harriet; Phillip Stark, Edina; Marissa Stark, Minneapolis; and Allison Stark, Chicago. He is also survived by his sister Helen Slegh, Albert Lea, and other extended family and dear friends.

Common RAJ refrains were “That’s the way it is,” and “Your day will come.” His last day has come, and he eased into his death prepared and without fear.

His faith was central to his life and memorials made be made to Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina, where he was a longtime member. Private graveside services will be held at Lakewood Cemetery at a later date. Online condolences at www.washburn-

Comments



“ Mr Jensen was such an example to all of us who worked for him. Those early days at Superamerica bring back so many wonderful memories. My Prayers are with the family.
Edward Erickson

Edward Erickson - May 19, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words, and how lovely that you have such good memories of early SA days.

Nancy Agneberg - May 20, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ To the Jensen Family,
With the passing of a dear and respected friend, it caused me to pause and consider how fortunate I was to have Dick as a friend and confidant for over 50 years. He will be remembered as a trustworthy, innovative leader, to all who were fortunate to be associated with him.

Terry Doonan
(Mobil Oil, retired)
Sun City West, AZ

TJ Doonan - May 19, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ Dad talked about you often and so valued your friendship. You know how much he loved to work and was grateful for all his work relationships.

Nancy Agneberg - May 20, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ Dear Jensen family,
My Father (Orville Paske) and your Father were good friends in the business community for years. He also lived in Edina and was from Albert Lea,Mn. He was a Vice President at National Cooperatives for many years. When he retired, he and my mother moved to a condo in Edina. After her passing, he and your Dad shared many good times on the phone and over coffee, reliving the "good old days" in Albert lea. I hope that's what all four of them are doing now. My he rest in peace with God our Father. Our condolences on his passing, my Dad thought highly of him.
Tim J. Paske and the Paske family

Tim J. Paske - May 18, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ How nice of you to remember Dad and his special friendship with your Dad. I certainly recall Dad talking about your father, and I love thinking about the re-connecting they are doing now.

Nancy Agneberg - May 20, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ Our sympathy to each of you. Grateful uncle Dick is now home with his Lord. He was a wonderful uncle and great husband and father. God bless you with HIS peace.

Paula Merkouris - May 12, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ Thanks, Paula. He was a wonderful father, indeed, and we miss him already. We were so lucky to have him as long as we did. Love to you and your family.

Nancy Agneberg - May 20, 2020 at 03:38 PM