



Harry William Jensen

April 15, 1926 - April 4, 2025

Harry Jensen, age 98, passed away peacefully on April 4, 2025, in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. A devoted family man, decorated Navy officer, and dedicated public servant, Harry lived a life marked by quiet strength, service to others, and enduring love for his family.

Born on April 15, 1926, in Kasson, Minnesota, Harry graduated from high school in his hometown in 1944. That same year, he answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Navy during World War II. His commitment to service continued throughout his life as he maintained military status in the Navy Reserve for over 35 years, ultimately achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

After his initial military service, Harry pursued higher education at the University of Minnesota where he earned a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering. He went on to dedicate his professional life to the Department of Defense (Northern Pump/FMC), applying his skills and discipline to support national defense initiatives. Northern Pump was awarded US Navy "Excellence in Production" 7 times. Among his many contributions was work on the Catastrophic Care legislation-an effort that reflected his deep concern for the well-being of others.

Harry also gave generously of his time and talents to his local community. He

served for many years on the Spring Lake Park school board and was a proud member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion. His commitment to civic duty was matched only by his devotion to family.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife Sandra Jensen; children Jim (Linda) Jensen, Judy Carty, Jeanne (Tom) Fasteland, and Jerry (Sue) Jensen; stepchildren Joe (Angie) Bickman and Jeff (Julie) Bickman; and brother James Jensen. Harry's legacy lives on as Grandpa, Papa, Grandpa Harry, and Great Papa through many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought him immense joy throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Berniece "Bunnie" Jensen; sister Mildred Holton; and brothers John Jensen and Lawrence Jensen.

Harry found joy in simple pleasures-he was a regular walker at Lord of Life Church in Ramsey and loved traveling to new places with family or friends. Camping trips were among his favorite pastimes. He had a special fondness for sweets (especially ice cream!) and delighted in sharing stories about growing up on the farm. Though reserved by nature, Harry had a warm presence-quick to smile and always interested in how others were doing. He cherished time spent with grandchildren and enjoyed listening to their stories as much as telling his own.

Harry's long life was one of purpose, humility, and unwavering dedication-to country, community, and above all else-family. May his memory bring comfort to all who knew him and continue to inspire those who carry forward his legacy of service and love.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church located at 7633 161st Ave NW in Ramsey,

Minnesota. Visitation will begin at 9:00 AM followed by Mass at 10:00 AM. Military honors and a committal service will take place at Fort Snelling National Cemetery at 1:30 PM.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church
7633 161st Avenue
Ramsey, MN 55303

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church
7633 161st Avenue
Ramsey, MN 55303

Graveside Service

APR 16. 1:30 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Harry was an amazingly faithful man. When our father, Classy Bond (brother of Harry's first wife, Bernice), was widowed and lived in an assisted living center in Dodge Center, MN - Uncle Harry would stop in and listen and encourage my father faithfully for years. He would often stop by my rural home in Byron, MN. If we were not home, he would leave a note and even a flower (tucked in our front door) letting us know he had stopped in!! Who does this type of thing on a regular basis any more? His obituary described a humble man, an accomplished man who did not seek the approval of others related to his achievements. When his first wife, Aunt Bunny, suffered a massive stroke and was comatose for 5.5 years in a nursing home, Uncle Harry faithfully visited her and sat by her side on a daily basis. He went on to make a difference for others who would be impacted by a catastrophic illness in a loved one by tirelessly working to have legislation passed to provide this support. Uncle Harry came to our wedding 2 days after Aunt Bunny had passed, heavily grieving but faithful in supporting us. What a privilege to have Uncle Harry in my life and his legacy lives on! Blessed be his memory!

Faye Wendland - April 16, 2025 at 02:42 PM

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“ Beryl,Raymond,Coralie-the Bushaw family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harry William Jensen.

Beryl,Raymond,Coralie-the Bushaw family - April 15, 2025 at 12:56 PM

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“ *Beryl, Raymond, Coralie-the Bushaw family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Harry William Jensen.*



Beryl, Raymond, Coralie-the Bushaw family - April 15, 2025 at 12:56 PM

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“ *7 files added to the album Tribute Photos*



Jerry Jensen - April 12, 2025 at 10:15 PM

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“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Susan Jensen - April 10, 2025 at 10:22 PM

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Susan Jensen - April 10, 2025 at 10:15 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Harry William Jensen.



April 10, 2025 at 08:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeff Bickman - April 09, 2025 at 10:16 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album Jensen August 2024 picnic



Judy - April 07, 2025 at 07:58 PM