



## Soren S. (Sam) Jensen

September 17, 2016

Soren S. (Sam) Jensen – October 30, 1935 – September 17, 2016

Longtime Omaha attorney and community leader Soren S. (Sam) Jensen, 80, died of natural causes on September 17, in Minneapolis, MN, where he had resided the last seven months. Sam was preceded in death in February by his wife of 26 years, Carmen (Patton), and his parents, Soren K. Jensen, a native of Blair, NE, and Frances Bradt Spelts Beck, originally of Ord, NE.

Sam is survived by his son Soren R. Jensen (Sasha), son Eric Jensen (Joel Hoekstra), daughter Dana Jensen (Christopher Quam), all of Minneapolis, and his stepchildren Christine Sennentz (John) of Minneapolis, Andrea Mitteis of Omaha, and Eric Patton (Stacia) of Playa Panama, Costa Rica. He leaves four grandchildren—Alexander Quam and Sadie, Samantha, and Saylor Jensen, all of Minneapolis—and four step-grandchildren: Zachary Sennentz of Minneapolis, and Blair, Rachael and Aaron Mitteis of Omaha. He is also survived by his sister Linda Jensen Smith and brother in law Charles L. (Andy) Smith, Jr., of Cincinnati, OH, and nieces Mindy Smith Murphy of Tampa, FL, and Reagan Smith Knaus of Deerfield, IL.

Born October 30, 1935, in Blair, NE, Sam spent his childhood in Grand Island, NE. In 1953, he enrolled at the University of Nebraska, where he was vice-president of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, editor of “The Daily Nebraskan,” student leader of Presby House, and a member of the Innocents Society. During college—and also law school—he was a reporter for “The Lincoln Journal.” Following graduation in 1957, Sam served two years as a Captain, Infantry, in

the U.S. Army Reserve.

Sam married Marilyn Heck of California, MO, in 1958. The couple divorced in 1987.

Sam graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law in Lincoln in 1961. During his career as an attorney, he was affiliated with various law firms, specializing in labor relations law.

His civic involvements included the Rotary Club of Omaha, the Nebraska Postsecondary Coordinating Commission, the Nebraska State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Nebraska Republican Central Committee, the State Highway Commission Board of Directors, the University of Nebraska Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Omaha Public Power District Board of Directors, the Opera Omaha Board of Directors, and Boys Town. He was also involved in a number of Republican Party political campaigns.

A memorial service will be held in Omaha on Saturday, October 22, at 3:00 PM at Presbyterian Church of the Cross, 1517 S. 114th St., Omaha, NE, with a reception immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Boys Town, 14100 Crawford St., Boys Town, NE 68010, or Presbyterian Church of the Cross.

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *It was an honor to have known and spent many special occasions with Sam. We have many fond memories - he was always so kind to our family. We will miss Sam. Sincere sympathy to all of his family.*

*Bob & Bev Sunderman*

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**Bob & Bev Sunderman** - October 13, 2016 at 12:21 PM

RC

“ *To All the Family,  
Sam was soft spoken, caring and had a special charm about him. We enjoyed many spirited, intellectual conversations over dinner of politics and religion in addition lighthearted discussions.*

*Michael enjoyed many discussions with Sam about Sherlock Holmes, with Sam being an active member of Sherlock Holmes Society of Omaha he was very well versed.*

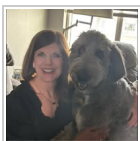
*Michael and Sam also enjoyed a triple blind pinot noir test at a Willamette Valley winery. Three different qualities and prices, the guys palettes correctly identified the inexpensive, the mediocre and most expensive bottles of wine.*

*Sam was generous, kind and sweet. We miss him!*

*Michael and Regina Cox*

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**Regina and Michael Cox** - October 12, 2016 at 05:36 PM



“ *Sam was a great boss and a great friend! Heartfelt condolences to you all! He will be greatly missed.*

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**Deanna Hutchins** - September 27, 2016 at 12:16 PM

SO

*Thank you Deanna! - Skip*

Soren - September 27, 2016 at 03:02 PM

SO

*Deanna, thank you for the very nice card. I will be sure to share with the family. - Skip*

Soren - September 30, 2016 at 10:53 AM

DH

“ *I knew Sam in college when we worked at "The Rag" (Daily Nebraskan). He had a great sense of humor and was a joy to work with. My sympathies to his family.*  
--Del Harding

Del Harding - September 26, 2016 at 09:23 AM

SO

*Thanks for sharing this, Del. - Soren "Skip" Jensen*

Soren - September 26, 2016 at 10:57 AM

MB

“ *Sam was one great friend! I was fortunate to be "Of Counsel" at Erickson, Sederstrom Law Firm when Sam was there. Being a Democrat and working with Sam was a terrific experience! Our respect for each other and our senses of humor made for great times.*  
*Sam was a great lawyer and a loyal friend.*  
*Mike Boyle, former mayor, Omaha, NE*

Mike Boyle - September 25, 2016 at 09:29 AM

SO

*Thank you, Mike. I very much appreciate you sharing this story about Dad. - Soren "Skip" Jensen*

Soren - September 26, 2016 at 10:56 AM

MA

“ *Sam's family,  
What a blessing Sam was for Carmen and all of the Watton family!  
He was truly a joy to get to know and a very fine gentleman! The  
good Lord's blessings upon you all.  
Mark and Diana Watton*

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**Mark** - September 23, 2016 at 05:40 PM

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*Thank you Mark and Diana. Carmen was a true blessing for my Dad  
and our family. We will miss them both so much. - Soren "Skip"  
Jensen.*

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**Soren** - September 26, 2016 at 10:59 AM

SO

“ *4 files added to the album Sam*



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**Soren** - September 22, 2016 at 04:08 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Soren** - September 21, 2016 at 10:37 AM

SO

“ 1 file added to the album Sam



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**Soren** - September 21, 2016 at 10:35 AM