



William Ellsworth Jensen

February 8, 1928 - July 31, 2025

At the age of 97, William (Bill) Jensen of Shoreview MN, most recently of Coon Rapids, MN passed away peacefully. He was born to Roy and Ruth Jensen in Staples, Minnesota in the "little house", the fourth of five children. He was a paper boy at age eight, worked at the Northern Pacific Railroad at 15, and worked for John Deere following high school. He was a sergeant in the Army during the Korean War where he did field maintenance. Following the war, he went back to John Deere until going to the cities in '54 to attend Dunwoody Institute. He met his wife of 61 years, Hazel Olson, through his sister Adeline, during the Dunwoody years. He was hired by Suburban Readymix for a year before his 30 year career at Mack Trucks. Following retirement, he and Hazel were Texas snowbirds for nearly 20 years. Family was always very important to Bill, both as a child and an adult. He generously shared his time and skills with family and friends, the ever ready handyman. Bill enjoyed wood carving, camping, tinkering, and connecting with others. Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Ruth Jensen; his siblings and spouses, Mary Ann (Walter) Roberts, Adeline (Jerry) Granlund, Katherine (Cewin) Johnson, and Arthur (Barbara Jo, then Sue) Jensen. He is survived by his children, Susan (Michael) O'Neill and Richard (Rose) Jensen; and grandchildren; Colin and Ryan Jensen, and Joshua and Nathan O'Neill. Memorial Service 1:00 PM Tuesday September 16th with visitation one hour prior to service at North Heights Lutheran Church 2701 North Rice Street Roseville, with lunch to follow. Internment preceding the service at Fort

Snelling National Cemetery at 9:45 AM

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 16. 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Visitation

SEP 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

North Heights Lutheran Church (Roseville)
2701 Rice Street
Roseville, MN 55113

Memorial Service

SEP 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I grew on Milton St. three houses down front the Jensens. Rich was a good friend. “Mr. J” was always a presence in the neighborhood. He was a talent with his hands when it came to building or fixing anything. If a car had its hood up on the street, he was there to help. He was a strong family man and raised his kids right with Hazel, his wife. Rich and Susan, you are in my prayers. May God bless you Mr J and may you rest in peace.

- P. Nazy

Pete Nazy - September 15, 2025 at 06:36 PM

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“ Bill was our neighbor on Milton. He was friendly to everyone. He enjoyed sharing the history of the neighborhood. It was fun to watch Bill and Heidi out for their daily walks. Everyone knew Bill. Bill and Hazel were great neighbors. We were lucky to be gifted one of Bill’s wood-carved watch clocks before he moved. Our condolences to Bills family.

Robin and Tom Timmons

Robin Timmons - August 30, 2025 at 05:18 PM