



Delmer F. Laursen

February 20, 1922 - October 7, 2007

Delmer F. Del Laursen, 85, Bolivar, died Sunday, October 7, 2007 at his home. The son of Danish immigrants, Marius and Gerda (Moeller) Laursen, he was born at rural Marcus, Iowa, February 20, 1922, the second of nine children. He was baptized in the Danish Lutheran Church at Marcus, IA and confirmed in St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Peterson, IA. He was a past member of Zion Lutheran Church, Moberly and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Kansas City. In 1939 he graduated from Brooke High School, Peterson, IA and attended National Business Training School, Sious City, IA in 1940. He enlisted in the U S Navy in March 1941 and trained at Great Lakes, IL. In November 1941 he went aboard the battleship, Colorado, at Bremerton, WA serving 52 months on that ship. He served in the Pacific theater participating in 10 major assaults on enemy islands and atolls and was in Tokyo Bay on the day of surrender September 2, 1945. After World War II he farmed in Iowa and Missouri. On August 29, 1944 he was united in marriage to Ruby Nelson, his high school sweetie. He was a past member of the Peterson, IA American Legion, Moberly VFW, Plattsburg VFW and Gladstone Lions Club. His parents, 3 brothers and 2 sisters preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Ruby, of the home; 4 children, Carole Cantrell, Gladstone, MO, Lorna Raden, Shawnee, KS, Brian Laursen, Plattsburg, MO and Douglas Laursen, Kansas City; 1 brother, Larry Laursen, Milford, IA; 2 sisters, Rheta Dean, Peterson, IA and Linda Laursen, Arizona City, AZ; 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. Friends may call in Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar after

9:00 AM Tuesday, Oct. 9. Following cremation inurnment will be at a later date at Hyland Cemetery, Hamilton, MO. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Delmer F. Laursen*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Delmer F. Laursen*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *My dearest Grandpa, It's been almost a week since you made your transition from this world, yet I still can't believe you're gone. You were always such a strong virile man. I could never have imagined you being as weak and frail as you had become. It broke my heart to see you that way, although I will be forever grateful for the time I was able to visit you often last year. I know that you now rest in the loving arms of God. He has finally welcomed you home and I know that's where you want to be. I want to thank you for being the wind beneath my wings. I will miss you until we meet again. I will love you forever Grandpa! Love, Mandy*

Amanda - October 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will truly miss "Smiley" He always made me laugh.*

Dennis Gustafson DC - October 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ruby, thank you for sending the obituary. We thought the world of Delmer; he was a good friend. We enjoyed your visit when you came to Arizona City and visited us in our mobile home. We have always loved the Laursen Family and so sorry to hear this news about Delmer. We know he is in a better place now and will no longer suffer.

Bill & Joan Dunlop - October 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Delmar (or Smiley as I often referred to him) was my uncle and truly, was "one of a kind." What a great sense of humor and a tremendous perspective of just about everything and everyone, from the neighbor across the street to the President of Russia. If you had to ask Delmar what he thought of something, you must not have been listening the first time! He will be missed.

Tom Gustafson - October 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Del was such a good friend. I am going to miss him so much. My thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family. The world has lost a major voice who wasn't afraid to express his opinions to anyone. He was truly one of a kind.

Vicky Routh - October 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM