

Kenneth “Ken” Jensen, age 83, of Welcome, and formerly of Fairmont, Bloomington and Edina, passed away peacefully with family by his side on Friday, November 21, 2025, at his home.

Kenneth Leroy Jensen was born on April 7, 1942, to Irvin and Luella (Weis) Jensen in their family home in Halfa, Iowa. He grew up in the Ringsted area and graduated from Ringsted High School with the Class of 1960. After graduation, Ken worked in Superior, Iowa, where he helped build the local grain elevator. He later became a farm hand for Earl and Elsie Long - a wonderful couple who welcomed him into their lives and treated him like family.

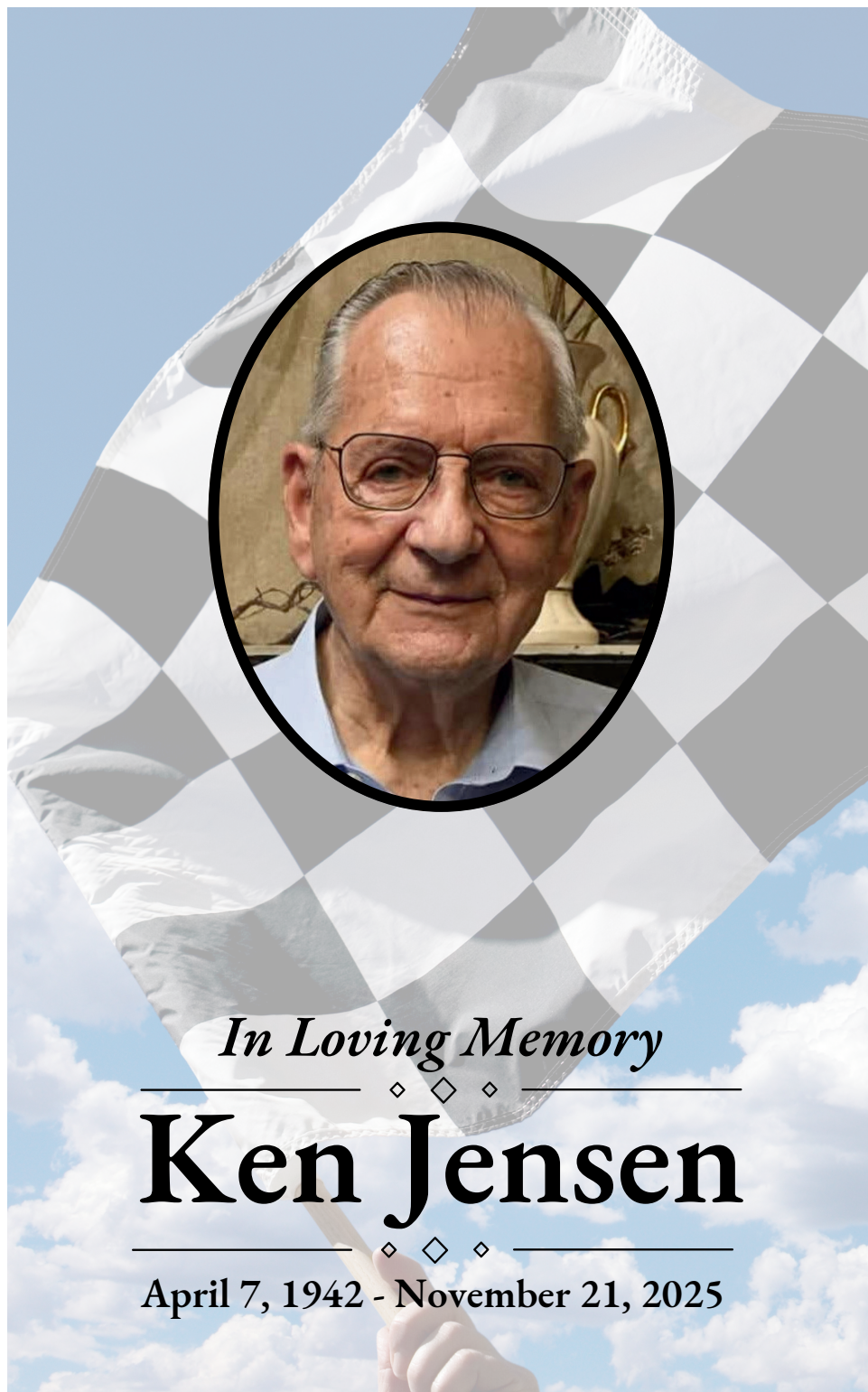
Ken was united in marriage to Mary Olson on July 20, 1963, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Fairmont, MN. Ken and Mary made their home in Fairmont and were blessed with three children, Diane, David, and Daniel. Ken briefly worked at Gamble-Skogmo before beginning a long career at the Fairmont Municipal Liquor Store. After 24 years there, he transitioned to the Martin County Assessor’s Office, where he was responsible for assessing many of the smaller communities throughout the county. Ken retired in 1999 at the age of 56. Following retirement, he and Mary moved to the Twin Cities, where together they managed the condo complexes in which they lived in Bloomington and Edina.

Ken was known for his genuine friendship and remarkable memory - if he met you once, he never forgot your name. He was always ready to lend a hand and would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. He was a proud member of the Fairmont Lions Club, where he especially enjoyed volunteering at the Martin County Fair running the ring toss, as well as helping with the Fly-In Breakfast and the pull tabs. He also was instrumental in helping to form a Lions club in the City of Welcome, MN, and volunteered with the Lions organization at the District level, attaining the rank of Deputy District Governor. His faith was very important to him as well and served as a communion minister for St. John Vianney Church.

Ken was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He treasured the family that he and Mary built, and enjoyed time with his family most of all.

Ken will forever be missed by his loving wife of nearly 63 years, **Mary**; daughter, **Diane** Jensen and her children, Leigh Wendinger, Lauren (Mary Gacioch) Weber, and Kristen (Kory Mosher) Weber; son, **David** (Mary Pat) Jensen and their children, Skyler (Dillon Tradewell) Jensen and Lindey (Bennett King) Jensen; Dan’s children, Ryan (Shana) Jensen, Jenna (Mark) Lettow, and Anna (Zach) Lensing; great-grandchildren, Grayden and Jaxton Wendinger, Olivia Vanderhoof, Brayden and Dakota Jensen, and Henrik, George, and Arlyn Lettow; brother, Virgil (Shirley) Jensen; sister, Karen (Tom) Polking; sister-in-law, Cheryl McGuire; Godchildren, Sarah McGuire, Lisa Jensen, Shari (Kory) Hines, and Scott (Cindy) Schons; bonus daughter, Jeanne (Kori Moeller) Patton and her children, Nyah, Arie, Lian, and Zeus; former daughters-in-law, Mary Wittmus and Amy Jensen, many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

Ken was preceded in death by his son, **Dan** Jensen; parents, Irvin and Luella; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Elmer and Alice (Cihak) Olson; brothers, Ronald (Sharon) Jensen, Roger (Janice) Jensen, and Jerry Jensen; brothers-in-law, Gerald (Evon) Olson, Ronald Olson, Tom McGuire; aunts, uncles, and cousins.





Celebrating the Life of Kenneth "Ken" Jensen

April 7, 1942 - November 21, 2025

Celebration of Life

11:00 AM

Saturday, November 29, 2025

St. John Vianney Catholic Church

Fairmont, Minnesota

Officiant

Father Jeff Dobbs

Musicians

Phyllis Surprenant	Cantor
Glenn Henriksen	Organist
Bill Hanson	Soloist

Music

How Great Thou Art
Shepherd Me, O God

Amazing Grace

Be Not Afraid

In the Garden

Saints of God

On Eagle's Wings

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took his hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembering joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch.

If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now; He set me free!



If you would like to leave a message of sympathy for Ken's family or view his service and tribute video you can do so by following this QR code or visiting his obituary page at www.sinnfuneralhome.com



Please join Ken's family and friends for a time of fellowship following the Mass.