

**Keith Allen Jensen,
84**

Sept. 8, 1932 - May 25, 2017

IRWIN – Keith Allen Jensen, son of Elmer and Freda (Meyers) Jensen was born September 8, 1932 on a farm near Defiance. He attended school in Irwin where he graduated from Irwin High School with the class of 1949.

Keith met Dorothy Ann Ruberg of Denison at a roller skating rink and the couple married March 27, 1954, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Denison. Four children were born to this union: Joni, Nancy, Linda and James (Jim). They lived on the Jensen home



place and Keith farmed and raised livestock. During this time he also worked at the ASCS office measuring land. In 1994, Keith retired from farming and then went to work at the Shelby County Golf Course assisting the groundskeeper. He took great pride in his work there and enjoyed meeting all the people.

In 2001, Keith and Dorothy built a new home in Irwin and they moved to town. As hesitant as he was to move from the farm, he loved living in town. His neighbors were like his second family and he was so appreciative of all their kindness. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, traveling, attending grandchildren's sporting events, but mostly spending time with family and friends. He and Dorothy took each grandchild on a special vacation. Ian, his youngest grandchild, lived with them for four months during Devin's bone marrow transplant. Alexis, Ian's sister, stayed with them for two months during the same time. At the age of 61, Keith was dedicated to helping his family and raising a baby.

As a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, he served on the council and ushered. He also served as a school board member, Farm Bureau director, Lions Club member, Shelby County Golf Course board member and a Cub Scout leader.

Keith died on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at the Manilla Manor in Manilla, attaining the age of 84 years, eight months and 17 days. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He has left to cherish his memory, his wife of 63 years Dorothy Jensen of Irwin; children Joni and her husband Scott Nepl of DeForest, WI; Nancy and her husband Alan Larson of Denison; Linda and her husband Kurt Brue of Council Bluffs; James Jensen and his wife Adrienne of Redmond, WA; 11 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; sisters Darlene Heilesen of Harlan; Donna and her husband Norman Campbell of Irwin; Caryl and her husband William McMahan of Irwin; brother-in-law Ray Ruberg of Merville; sisters-in-law Betty Griffin of Denison; Jean Jensen of Audubon; other family members and friends.

An 11:00 a.m. funeral service was officiated by Pastor Ron Rasmussen on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. Larry Hagadorn, Tim Kenkel, Dick Sorensen, Dan Holloway, Jeremy Nielsen and Greg Gaskill served as casket bearers. Burial will be held at a later date.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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