



Duane Lee Sorensen

August 5, 1958 - April 9, 2025

Duane Sorensen, 66, of Spencer, passed away on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at the Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

Services are pending at this time with Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Duane Lee Sorensen was born on August 5, 1958, to Donald and Jaqueline (O'Hearn) Sorensen in Riverside, CA. He graduated in 1976 from Spencer High School, in Spencer, IA. He worked at Eatons Corporation for a short time, then Duane proudly enlisted in the US Air Force. While he was in the Air Force, he earned his associates degree in accounting. During his 23 year career in the Air Force, he was known as the Top Recruiter where he served in Alamogordo, NM; Lincoln, NE and Coralville, IA. He retired in 2005 as a TSgt. Duane was united in marriage to Terese Leary in 1984. To this union, their daughter Ashley was born.

In his younger years, he enjoyed playing baseball and fastpitch softball where he was the catcher for Team Budweiser in Spencer. He made lifelong friends, may have had a little too much fun and earned the nickname "Spade" that stuck with him until his death. He had a wonderful sense of humor, maybe a little raunchy, but that was Duane. He was known as the "fun" cousin and always found a way to keep his parents on their toes.

He is survived by his daughter Ashley Marie Sorensen of Okoboji, IA; step children Wes and Dawn; sisters Jane Sanford of Ankeny, IA; and Dawn (Chuck) Haberthur of Granbury, TX; brother Jon (Fran) Sorensen of Show

Low, AZ; two granddaughters Patrice and Tillie; nieces Nicole (Nathan) Norgaard, Liz (Scott) VonHagen, Becca (Joe) Farley, Allison (Sam) Martin, nephew Brandon Haberthur, five great nieces and one great nephew; his loyal pups Buddy and Odin and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, aunts, uncles and cousins

The family would like to give a special thank you to his cousin Ann and her husband Danny Dodge for all the care, transportation, and home improvements they provided for Duane. Their generosity will never be forgotten.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ So deeply sorry for the loss of your father, Ashley 🌹💔🌹

David, Donna, & Ashley Call - April 12, 2025 at 08:02 PM

SM

“ We were so sorry to hear about "spade". I met him many, many years ago in the early 70s When we worked together at swanson's grocery store. A lot of nights I would come home from working and him and Larry Lee and Rod Swanson would be grilling at my house and shooting hoops. The good old days. We lost track of him Only to see him a few years ago when he came into the pharmacy I was working at and we have stayed in touch ever since. In fact, not too long ago, he actually text me and said he saw I was having a birthday and he wanted to express his deepest sympathy because I was getting so old LOL. Steve and I have many good memories of you and the old days. Rest in peace, dear friend.



Steve and Barb Meyer - April 12, 2025 at 12:24 PM

AF

“ All our love, the Rasmussen family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Duane Lee Sorensen.



All our love, the Rasmussen family - April 12, 2025 at 11:13 AM

KT

“ We are terribly saddened by this news. Fond memories go back to family picnics with lots of cousins and all the fun we had.
Ken and Deb Thompson

Ken Thompson - April 12, 2025 at 10:03 AM

SL

“ Sheryl Lazkani lit a candle in memory of
Duane Lee Sorensen



Sheryl Lazkani - April 11, 2025 at 08:54 PM

RF

“ Rasmussen Family lit a candle in memory of
Duane Lee Sorensen



Rasmussen Family - April 11, 2025 at 07:23 PM

RF

“ Richard Rasmussen Family sent a virtual gift in
memory of Duane Lee Sorensen



Richard Rasmussen Family - April 11, 2025 at 07:21 PM

SH

“ Duane always had a laugh for you. He was a good cousin. Spade will be missed. Sending Love and Prayers for peace.



Sara J (Koenig) Harris - April 11, 2025 at 06:06 PM

LS

“ Duane was a sweetheart! Always kind and a blast to talk. Sending hugs to the family!



Lisa Scott - April 11, 2025 at 06:04 PM

PS

“ Paul Sorensen purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Duane Lee Sorensen.



Paul Sorensen - April 11, 2025 at 09:37 AM

BT

“ Bruce Thompson lit a candle in memory of Duane Lee Sorensen



Bruce Thompson - April 10, 2025 at 09:38 PM

MS

“ *MAN, THIS HURTS! So many memories. Knew when your family came back to visit it would be fun. Fireworks at Hoffman's. Bottle rocket wars and seeing who could hold their firecracker the right amount of time to make it explode just as it hit the water. Good times. RIP* □

Mike Sorensen - April 10, 2025 at 08:21 PM