



## Loyal "Butch" Jensen

July 28, 1945 - January 29, 2016

Loyal Robert "Butch" Jensen, the son of Lawrence and Marguerite Jensen, was born on July 28th, 1945 in Blue Earth, MN. He was raised on the family farm, was confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church in Pilot Grove, MN and graduated from East Chain High School in 1963. Following high school Butch enlisted in the Army. While in the service he married his high school sweetheart Joyce Madsen. He was honorably discharged in 1966. In 1971, Butch and Joyce purchased the A&W in Sibley, IA and began a 19-year career in the restaurant business, owning and operating the A&W, a steakhouse, and building and operating the Dairy Queen in Milford, IA. During this time Butch also entered the world of real estate. Initially involved in restaurant and small business sales, he transitioned to residential sales and was a broker associate for Dowden-Hinn Realtors. Butch and Joyce called Spirit Lake, IA home since 1990. They purchased a winter home in Mesa, Arizona two years ago. Butch passed away unexpectedly at Banner Baywood Medical Center in Mesa, AZ on January 29, 2016 at the age of 70. Butch enjoyed 51 years of marriage with Joyce. He purchased his first Harley Davidson at the age of 11 and was an avid Harley rider his entire life. He enjoyed rock n roll, all sports, and had a love/hate relationship with the Minnesota Vikings. He was a lifetime member of the VFW in Sibley, IA. Always the consummate salesman, Butch enjoyed the thrill of being on either side of a good deal. He was passionate about all things with four wheels, he loved fishing, he enjoyed cooking (and of course eating) good food, and was a

collector of firearms. Butch could always be counted on for good conversation and had many friends, but his best buddy may have been his chocolate lab, Buster.

Butch is survived by his wife, Joyce; his daughter, Kirstin and son-in-law, Steve LeClaire of Tempe, AZ; his son, Michael and daughter-in-law, Alicia of Soldotna, AK; three grandchildren, Chloe and Christian LeClaire and Gunnar Jensen. Butch is also survived by two brothers and their spouses, David and Charlotte Jensen and Chuck and Donna Jensen; Joyce's siblings and their spouses, Lowell and Janet Madsen, Lois and Clyde Allen, Helen and Ronnie Stenzel, Eunice and LaReau Carlson, and Meli and Larry Doyle; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents; and infant son, Stephen.

Butch lived life fully. He loved God and his family. The room is quieter and there is a hole in our hearts now that Butch has gone to be with the Father. He blessed our lives and will never be forgotten.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, February 27, 2016, at First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji. Visitation will be held Friday, February 26, 2016, from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home. The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

BC

“*Joyce, So sorry to hear of Butch's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

**Betty Crabb** - February 27, 2016 at 08:27 PM

EC

“*Loyal "Butch" Jensen*

**eunice carlson** - February 27, 2016 at 07:41 AM

LC

“*We have many memories of joyce and butch on our pontoon on Norris Lake TN or lake Carlos in Alexandria, MN Fishing on your boat on lake Osakis with gas smell could have been the end of us all. BUTCH, You were a good friend and brother in law. We will miss you at many events but tree cutting and campfires wont be the same with out your physical presence. P.T.L. for good memories thanks eunice and lareau.*

**lareau and eunice carlson** - February 26, 2016 at 03:09 PM

RS

“*Joyce I do feel for your loss - Tax season makes it impractical to bring condolences in person - I am sure though that Bird will bring many from Hastings - I probably remember best being in your house and being a little afraid of the dog- time spent at the car show - and the one time I went looking at properties but my wife vetoed what I had found - anyway again best wishes for the future*

**ROBERT SONDAG** - February 26, 2016 at 12:30 PM

CS

“ Loyal "Butch" Jensen

Chad Schuchert - February 25, 2016 at 02:29 PM

EO

“ Joyce & family, so sorry to hear of your loss. Butch will be missed by so many.

Elaine Orthmann - February 25, 2016 at 08:35 AM

GT

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Butch truly enjoyed life. So many good memories from Anchor Realty. Always enjoyed our get togethers with you two. He touched so many lives. Sending sympathy and hugs.

Gerry and Denise Thein - February 23, 2016 at 06:28 AM

DT

“ We were so surprised when Denise called & told us about Butch passing away. We had some great times with him & he was truly a wonderful man. Our sincere sympathy to all of you.

DUANE & JAN tHOMPSON - February 21, 2016 at 04:57 PM

JE

“ Loyal "Butch" Jensen

Jolene ehlers - February 15, 2016 at 01:29 PM

CN

“*Joyce and family.  
Thinking of and praying for you at this difficult time. Butch was a great guy and it was always fun visiting with you when we ran into you at events . May the Lord wrap his arms around you and hold you close.  
Lon and Cheryl Noble*

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**Cheryl Noble** - February 15, 2016 at 10:42 AM

KH

“*Loyal "Butch" Jensen*

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**Kathleen Hinn** - February 14, 2016 at 05:49 PM

KS

“*Loyal "Butch" Jensen*

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**Kelly & Carol Schlake** - February 10, 2016 at 08:07 PM

MP

“*Loyal "Butch" Jensen*

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**Mark & Deb Pellett** - February 09, 2016 at 08:58 PM

MP

“*Sorry to here of your loss, Butch sold me our house on Spirit Lake, had many great conversations over the years, and would always refer friends to Butch because I new he would take care of them and there was never any B.S. Great guy we will miss him. Mark & Deb Pellett Atlantic , Iowa.*

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**Mark Pellett** - February 09, 2016 at 08:14 PM

RL

“ Loyal "Butch" Jensen

Roxie Lueders - February 08, 2016 at 10:07 PM

DL

“ Joyce and Family, So sorry to hear of Butch's passing on. Our sympathy to you and your family!  
Don and Marlene

Don and Marlene LoringM - February 06, 2016 at 04:05 PM

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Don and Marlene Loring - February 06, 2016 at 04:03 PM

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Don and Marlene Loring - February 06, 2016 at 04:01 PM

AC

“ May the peace of God find you during this very difficult time in your life. He will be dearly missed by us all. He was always such a pleasure to see him walk through the door in our store as he was always smiling and had friendly words to say.

All of us at Parts City - February 06, 2016 at 03:33 PM

LN

“ Loyal "Butch" Jensen

Lon & Cheryl Noble - February 06, 2016 at 07:42 AM

TA

“ *Hawkeye, Timber late nights, card club, making Christmas candy, Max the cat, puppy tails so many laughs and good times. Our our hugs prayers, and thoughts too you and the kids*

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**Tom and Sheri Arends** - February 05, 2016 at 10:34 PM

CH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Joyce and family. He was my first boss when I started working at the A&W in Sibley when I was in junior high and worked till my senior year. He would pick us up and /or bring us home when our parents couldn't and we lived on a farm. I really enjoyed working for you both. I have fond memories working there.*

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**Cindy Ferguson Hatting** - February 05, 2016 at 06:52 PM

LH

“ *Joyce and family, so sorry to hear of Butch's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Lynn Greimann Hassebroek** - February 05, 2016 at 05:29 PM

JS

“ *Joyce and families: Jon and I send our sincere sympathies to you all. We remember in 1996, a phone call about buying a Dairy Queen. Visiting with Butch, I realized I was a 2nd cousin to You, we have such fond memories of our time with Butch. What a wonderful Man. May God give you strength.*

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**Jon and LuRae (Blomster) Schwartz** - February 05, 2016 at 10:54 AM

JA

“Joyce and family..I am so, so sorry. Butch was a good guy and fun to talk to. My Viking buddy.. You 2 made a perfect couple. Hang on to your memories. Praying for you and ((hugs)) to all.

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**Jackie Albers** - February 05, 2016 at 10:43 AM

DO

“Joyce and family, Sending you our sincere sympathy. We met Joyce & Butch when I worked at the Harley Shop. The two of you were one of my favorite couples to wait on and to visit with. Our hearts were so sad to hear of the loss of Butch, he will be greatly missed! Keep all the memories close to your heart. We truly considered both of you great friends! Tom & Dixie Orthel

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**Dixie Orthel** - February 05, 2016 at 08:50 AM

CT

“Joyce and family: We just don't have words to express to you and your family in the loss of Butch. We will remember Butch as a great guy and good times. Sorry we will not be able to attend but you all are in our Thoughts and Prayers. Sending Hugs, and Our Sympathy.

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**Chuck and Donna Tielbur** - February 04, 2016 at 10:20 PM

MD

“Butch my classmate and Brother-in law I just don't have words to express how much you will be missed. You were extremely a big part of my life and thank God we spent Christmas this year (2015 together.) Thanks for loving my sister forever. Love to you, Meli and Larry

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**Meli Madsen Doyle** - February 04, 2016 at 08:25 PM

JL

“ We will remember Butch as a good ole' guy who loved his family and his motorcycle. He will be missed!

Jodi Lange - February 04, 2016 at 03:18 PM

JK

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Butch. He touched so many lives and he will truly be missed. He was such a wonderful man. May you find comfort in the promises of God. My thoughts and prayers are on all of you.

Jodene "Beany" Kruse - February 04, 2016 at 01:12 PM

CA

“ I worked for Butch and Joyce when they opened the Dairy Queen in Milford. He was a great boss with a warm smile and an infectious laugh. May you take comfort in your memories. I know you have many as he lived his famil

Cheryl Aumer - February 03, 2016 at 06:57 PM

KK

“ Sending hugs and sincere sympathy to you, Joyce and family. We had some good times on our motorcycles.. That was a favorite of Butch's... He was a geat guy and will be missed by all of us....

karen krieger - February 03, 2016 at 12:38 AM

DH

“ So sad to hear of your loss. Always remember fun times at the Rustic Timbers.

Denise & Heinie Helmers - February 02, 2016 at 05:00 PM