



## Shorty Christensen

June 12, 1922 - February 26, 2014

Lloyd "Shorty" Christensen, age 91, of Spirit Lake, formerly of Lohrville, passed away on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at the Milford Nursing Center. He was born on June 12, 1922, in Ellsworth, Iowa, to Carl and Gladis (Grimes) Christensen.

Shorty attended and graduated from Lohrville High School in 1940. On June 22, 1942, Shorty was united in marriage to Kathryn Rossow in Baltimore, Maryland. After the marriage, Shorty entered the service during WW II and Kathryn accompanied him to many of his duty stations. In late 1945, the couple returned to Lohrville, where they made their home and Shorty owned and operated Air-Electric Machine Co. with his three brothers, before retiring in 1986.

In 1986, they moved to Spirit Lake, where they made their summer home and during the winters, they lived in Englewood, Florida. Shorty enjoyed spending his spare time golfing, boating, sailing and having Happy Hour with friends and family.

Shorty is survived by his four children, Randy and his wife, Mary Jo of Manson, Roger and his wife, Vicky of Arnolds Park, Kathy and her husband, Wally of Bovey, Minnesota, and Ron of Lohrville; twelve grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Lou Eakin of Whidbey Island, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Kathryn (1993); and four brothers.

A Celebration of Shorty's Life will be held at 4:00P.M. Saturday, March 1,

2014, at the Schuchert Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. A graveside service will be held at 11:00A.M. Monday, March 3, 2014, at Evergreen Cemetery in Lohrville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Lohrville Fire Department in Shorty's name. The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

KK

“Randy, Rog, Kathy and Ron. How very sad to learn that my first "second dad" is now gone. He, all of you, and I have lived another life or two since your place was my second home back in Lohrville, but it never changes those memories and how much your family meant to me and mine in Lohrville. It is nice to read of the fondness others had for your dad as well. And he'll continue to hold a very special place in the hearts of many more, for years to come. Hugs and good healing to all of you.

*Almost a brother,  
Kelt*

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**Kelton Kinnick** - March 07, 2014 at 04:03 PM

MC

“*Shorty Christensen*

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**Matthew Christensen** - March 05, 2014 at 06:21 PM

NB

“*Our family has many great memories of Uncle Shorty. The trip we took to Florida with Betty, Jim, Diana, and Gary was fantastic because of Uncle Shorty. He always put everyone's good time first. Love all of you and share your loss. Uncle Shorty will live in all our hearts forever.*

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**Nancy and Lanny Bonsen** - March 04, 2014 at 02:36 PM

LC

“ &#160; &#160; Dear Randy, Roger, Kathy, Ron & grand kids,&#160;  
&#160; &#160; &#160; We were so very sorry to hear about Uncle  
Shorty's passing. &#160;He was an amazing man & his wonderful  
offspring are a testament to how awesome your Dad was.  
&#160;His legacy lives on in each of you in your warm hearts,  
beautiful smiles & fun loving spirits. &#160;He's joining a mighty  
cast in heaven & our Vikings are welcoming him with loving arms.  
&#160;I want to share just a few of my memories of him ~  
&#160; &#160; In 2000 we visited Uncle Shorty in Florida & he  
treated us to an A great time. &#160;I fondly remember a fun boat  
ride when he cranked up the music & Mary entertained us & all the  
passerbys as she danced on the bow of the boat all the way home.  
&#160; I remember sitting by the pool & him talking about Aunt  
Kathryn saying she was the love of his life. &#160; Our last family  
reunion in Iowa in 2006 seems like yesterday, sure wish we could  
rewind & go back. Thomas treasured his time with Uncle Shorty &  
you all @ Captain's Getaway. &#160;He still wears his tee shirt he  
got there w/ sentiment &#160;"It's 5 o'clock somewhere ~ Lake  
Okoboji". &#160;Yes you were lucky if you occupied the bar stool  
next to Shorty :) &#160;Uncle Shorty was a rare gem & was  
treasured more than he knew. &#160; He was always there for us  
kids after we lost Dad & it meant the world to each of us. He was so  
thoughtful, brave & wise. &#160;Please know you are all in our  
thoughts & prayers. &#160; We love y'all very much!!

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Lynne Dee Christensen - March 03, 2014 at 10:53 PM

BC

“ I have so many wonderful memories on Uncle Shorty. It's amazing how close he and Dad looked alike . . they could be twins! He sure knew how to live life to the fullest and was such a "cool" guy. I wish we could have come up from SC to be with you all but unfortunately I'm not able to break loose. We miss you all and I pray for all you during this difficult time.

Our sincerest condolences,  
Bill, Cindy and Claire

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**Bill Christensen** - March 03, 2014 at 08:42 AM

DH

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you. Shorty was a great guy. I always enjoyed talking to him. May you cherish all of the wonderful memories. Thinking of you. DeeDee

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**DeeDee Hughes** - March 01, 2014 at 05:46 PM

JL

“ My thoughts are with the Christensen family. I liked Shorty so much...he always made me smile. He was a great Captain and host on those visits to Florida, always taking care of his guests. God bless.

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**Jill Larson** - March 01, 2014 at 03:32 PM

JA

“ I send my deepest sympathy's to the whole family., As I lived right next door to Shorty and Kathryn, we had great times and good memories of you all., Love to your family. He was a special guy.,

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**Joy Albert** - March 01, 2014 at 11:57 AM

TG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. It doesn't matter at what age we lose our parents, it is always a huge loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Twyla Garnmeister - March 01, 2014 at 11:06 AM

DS

“ We were sad to hear of Shorty's death. Keeping his family in our thoughts & prayers.

Denny & Bev Sill - February 28, 2014 at 11:03 PM

FJ

“ Roger, Vicky and family.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Shorty was a wonderful fun guy! Marv and Fran

Fran Jungjohan - February 28, 2014 at 07:06 PM

RJ

“ Sorry to learn of Shorty's passing. I'll never forget the expedition Captain Shorty brought us on from Englewood to Key West. Great times and Great memories. To the family: May your many memories help you through this time of sadness.- Rick

Rick Jaacks - February 27, 2014 at 05:15 PM

MC

“ we are so sorry about shorty. Thinking of Roger, Randy, Kathy and Ron and their families. So many good memories. You will always be remEmber.  
Love Gary and Martha and families .

Martha Carlson - February 27, 2014 at 03:36 PM