



James Christian Larsen

James Christian Larsen was born December 28, 1919, in Laramie, WY, to Nels and Hilma (Gabrielson) Larsen. The early years of life were on a ranch with his family. He attended rural school on the ranch then graduated from Laramie High. He graduated from the University of Wyoming with a B.S. in Agronomy. Interrupting his college attendance, he served 4 years in the Army and at the end of these years served in the U. S. Army Air Force as a medic. He participated in many rescues. He received a letter of commendation for his outstanding service as a member and the medic of the most difficult mountain climbing expedition ever attempted in Alaska, spanning 2

months on Mt. McKinley.

Jim married Mary Ellen Justman February 21, 1946, in Laramie and their family was blessed with 5 children: John Larsen, Rock Springs, WY, (Terri, deceased), Patricia Kocher (Charlie), Evanston, WY, Dr. James Larsen (Linda), Bozeman, MT, Dr. Jerry Larsen (Colleen), Casper, WY, and Jeanne Blalock (Clint), Sturgis, SD.

He worked for the USDA in the Soil Conservation Service in Pinedale, WY, Sundance WY, and then as the Resource Conservation and Development Project Coordinator in Rapid City from 1968 until he retired in 1980 spanning 40 years of service.

He was a founding member of the Black Hills Regional Food Bank and served years as Chairman. He served on the Urban Forestry Committee and Keep SD Green. He was the School Board President in Sundance, WY, and active in the Lions Club. He loved to ski, was a ski patrol and taught skiing at the U of WY. He loved hunting, fishing, camping, gardening, and was an amateur photographer. He loved spending time in the Black Hills and loved his family.

Jim, 93, Rapid City, died Saturday, July 6, 2013, at his residence.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Marie Sims, David Larsen, Raymond Larsen, and Velma Brown. He is survived by his siblings, Janice Jacoby of CO, and Dorthy Buckland and Fern Van Waning of CA; his wife; his children; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorials have been established to Hospice of the Northern Hills and the Black Hills Regional Food Bank.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



In Loving Memory Of



Jim Larsen

1919 ~ 2013

***Thank thee for this food we eat
Thank thee for this earth so sweet
Thank thee for the birds that sing
Thank thee Lord for everything***



The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:*

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

*He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:*

*for thou art with me; Thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head*

with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life: and I will

dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



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Born

December 28, 1919
Laramie, Wyoming

Died

July 6, 2013
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, July 12, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiating

Father Bill Zandri

Singers

Linda Larsen ~ Krista Larsen

Musical Selections

"Peace Prayer"

"On Eagle's Wings"

Pallbearers

Christopher Kocher ~ Matthew Kocher ~ Erik Larsen
James Larsen III ~ Ryan Larsen ~ Nicholas Larsen
Aaron Larsen ~ Bingham Blalock

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota