



Clarence William Jensen passed away at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital on Saturday, April 4, 2009. He was born on June 16, 1921 in McCade, MT where his parents homesteaded after coming from Denmark. He graduated from Culbertson High School, lettering in football and basketball.

Clarence joined the National Guard in 1938 and was activated with the 163rd Army Infantry on September 28, 1943. He proudly served his Country during World War II in New Guinea where he was shot twice simultaneously and critically wounded. After being sent to many different hospitals, he was put on a dutch freighter back to the U.S. Eventually, arriving in Temple, Texas in December of 1944 where he was hospitalized for many months until convincing the doctors to authorize a two week leave to see his family back in Culbertson, MT.

While on leave in Culbertson, Clarence met Elaine Dorothy Johnson, who had taken a high school teaching job from Minnesota. They met and fell in love. Clarence returned to the hospital in Temple and Elaine followed 6 months later. They were married September 27, 1944 in the hospital where he was still confined to a bed. After being released from the hospital, he and Elaine left Temple, TX when Clarence was honorably discharged from the National Guard, earning the Purple Heart, Bronze Stars, the American Defense Metal, the Asianic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon w/3 Battle Stars and the American Theatre Ribbon and the Victoria Ribbon.

Clarence and Elaine moved to Bozeman, MT so he could pursue a college degree. He studied his undergraduate degree at MSU graduating with a Bachelor degree and Masters degree in Agriculture Economics and Economics in 1951 and 1952. Further graduate work at Michigan State University was completed, where he received a Ph.D. degree in Agricultural Economics and Economics in 1958. In 1955, Clarence was appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics at Montana State University, then was appointed to Associate Professor in 1959 and Full Professor in 1961. He later served as Department Head from 1966 to 1968.

Jointly with Gail Cramer, Clarence earned the 1980 Award for "Excellence in Quality of Communication" by the American Agricultural Economics Association for the first edition of their book *Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness*, now in its 8th Edition which has been translated in Spanish, Malaysian, Chinese, and Russian.

Clarence was appointed Professor Emeritus in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Economic in 1980. He and Elaine spent his retirement either bowling or golfing. When Montana weather was favorable they were out on the golf course otherwise they were seen on the lanes. He was an accomplished bowler and golfer and earned many local, state and national awards. His special awards included being inducted in the Montana State Bowling Hall of Fame and served on the Board of Directors at the Riverside Country Club of Bozeman.

Clarence was preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Elaine, a sister (Lois), a brother (Carroll), a brother (Ed and his wife Ila), and a sister (Helen).

He is survived by his family that he loved: daughter, Marcia Dietman of Bozeman; son, Daryll Jensen of Helena; brother and wife, Donald and Edna Jensen (Sidney, Montana); brother and wife, Rodger and Sandra (Williams, Arizona); Grandchildren; Tami Lamar (Tampa, Florida), Dara Jensen (Helena, Montana), Trisha Jensen (Helena, Montana), and Aaron Jensen (Helena, Montana); Great-Grandchildren; Taylor Wilson (St. George, Utah), Kayla Wilson (Helena, Montana), Tre Lamar (Tampa, Florida), Jack Kanta (Helena, Montana) and a new great-grandchild due any day.

He was a gentleman, who lifted the spirits of everyone he was around. He had a smile and a "corny" joke for everyone. He loved his Country and was never "down". He found the best in every situation and was never down. We, his family have so many wonderful memories to hold close. To say we will miss him does not capture to depth of our loss.