



## Charles Leslie "Les" Sorensen

December 23, 1934 - February 8, 2024

Charles Leslie "Les" Sorensen, age 89 of Cooks Mills, IL went to be with his Lord and Savior at 11:00 PM, Thursday, February 8, 2024, at his residence surrounded by his family.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 12:00 PM, Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. Pastor Paul Weber will officiate. A committal will immediately follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Cooks Mills, IL. The visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the time of service at the funeral home.

Les was born on December 23, 1934, in Mattoon, IL to the late Karl H. and Osie (Icenogle) Sorensen. He married Patricia L. Adams on March 17, 1957, in Cooks Mills, IL; she survives and resides in Cooks Mills, IL. He is also survived by three children: Mark A. Sorensen and wife Michele of Lake Havasu, AZ, E. Gay Borntreger and husband Freeman of Cooks Mills, IL, Dana R. Sorensen and wife Tina of Pesotum, IL; nine grandchildren: Amber Schroeder and husband Bill of Pueblo, CO, Samantha Sorensen of Lynchburg, VA, Victoria Sorensen of Flagstaff, AZ, Tyler Borntreger of Danville, IL, Alex Borntreger of Cooks Mills, IL, Shanon Borntreger and wife Shannon of Mt. Zion, IL, Brandon Sorensen of Atwood, IL, Myles Sorensen of Champaign, IL, Zoey Sorensen of Pesotum, IL; six great-grandchildren: Cody and Savannah Schroeder, Aralynn Johnson, Ayla and Baylor Borntreger, and Maddox Sorensen. He was preceded in death by three brothers: Glenn, Bobby, and David Sorensen.

Mr. Sorensen was a proud veteran of the United States Army Reserve and National Guard. In 2000 he retired from Libman Broom Company in Arcola, IL. Prior to that he worked at Associated Spring in Mattoon, IL. He was a longtime and faithful member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Cooks Mills, IL, and was a member of the Moose Lodge in Mattoon, IL and the Illinois Trappers Association.

Throughout his lifetime, Les remained active. He enjoyed bowling league in the 1960's, playing baseball in Texas, fur trapping, camping, riding his bicycle across Illinois and the Katy Trail in Missouri, square dancing with his wife Pat, and canoeing down the Kaskaskia River with his grandchildren.

Exhibiting the heart of a true servant, Les was a member of the Disaster Relief Team of Springfield, IL. He and Pat volunteered at the Mattoon Community Food Center, and they traveled to the Appalachian's to take food, clothing, and supplies to those in need.

Having a close relationship with his family and bonding over numerous activities and get-togethers, Les leaves many heartfelt memories. As a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend he will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered.

Memorials in his honor may be made to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011, or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Cemetery

Cooks Mills, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
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## Service

FEB 14. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Charles Leslie "Les" Sorensen



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - February 14, 2024 at 11:20 AM

AS

*No video*

Amber Schroeder - February 14, 2024 at 01:02 PM

JB

*No video*

Janette Byrom - February 14, 2024 at 01:05 PM

PK

*No video*

Paula Kirk - February 14, 2024 at 04:59 PM

RS

“ Just learned of Les' home going yesterday evening. The last time I saw him was at dad's funeral in 2017. He was a very well respected of the Cooks Mills community. I always appreciated his smile and friendliness.

*May the peace that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Ron Seaman*

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**Ron Seaman** - March 30, 2024 at 01:23 PM

TK

“ So sorry for your loss he was a great man



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**Tish Kirk** - February 14, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Leslie "Les" Sorensen.



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February 13, 2024 at 02:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Leslie "Les" Sorensen.*

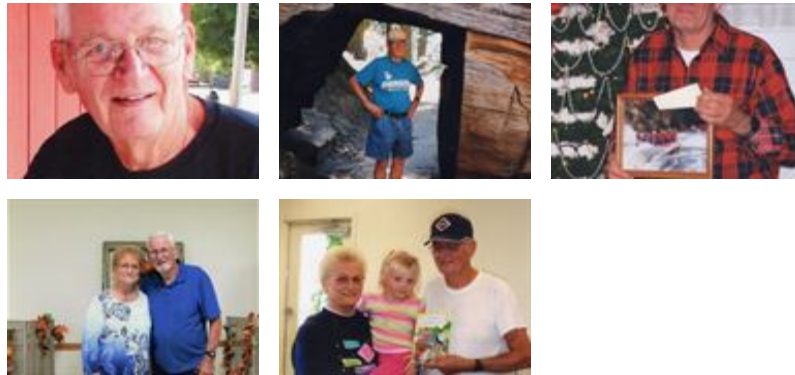


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February 13, 2024 at 01:34 PM



“ *56 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home** - February 13, 2024 at 10:35 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Charles Leslie "Les" Sorensen.*



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February 12, 2024 at 12:42 PM

JN

“ Jill & Jonathan Namink planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Leslie "Les" Sorensen.

Jill & Jonathan Namink - February 12, 2024 at 12:42 PM

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“ Chaney's (Louisiana) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charles Leslie "Les" Sorensen.



Chaney's (Louisiana) - February 12, 2024 at 07:34 AM

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Chaney's (Louisiana) - February 12, 2024 at 07:34 AM

BS

“ Pat, I am so very sorry for your loss. Praying for peace and comfort for you and your family.

Brenda Stoltzfus - February 11, 2024 at 05:11 PM

AD

“ Sorensen family, so sorry to hear of Les passing. I worked with Les at Associated Spring back in the late 70's, early 80's. Les was a great guy. Always had a good word and a joy to talk to. Definitely one of a kind. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure to know him. Thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss.  
Alan Dill

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**Alan Dill** - February 11, 2024 at 12:22 AM

JC

“ Les will be greatly missed but his warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever. Although its difficult today to see beyond the sorrow may looking back in memory help comfort you Pat and the family. My deepest sympathy, in my thoughts and prayers always. Joan

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**Joan Cobb** - February 10, 2024 at 05:23 PM

CC

“ Dana and family, I am sosorry for your loss. I have fond memories of your Dad when we mowed the cemetery. I won't be able to attend services, but you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Crystal Coffin** - February 10, 2024 at 12:08 PM

BM

“ So sorry to hear about Les.  
The Manzara Boys will never forget Les and how thoughtful of a man he was.  
Our sincere condolences to your entire family.  
Always enjoyed listening to Les and his wisdom.  
Some people touch your life forever and Les was one of them.  
Rest in peace  
Bless you



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**Brad Randy Scott Manzara** - February 10, 2024 at 08:02 AM

GA



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**gay** - February 16, 2024 at 07:31 PM

PC

“ My condolences to your family, and prayers for peace & comfort.  
Paula(Clodfelder) Coffey

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**Paula Coffey** - February 09, 2024 at 11:58 PM

JB

“ He put so much good out in the world. He touched so many lives.  
He will be greatly missed. Be at peace Uncle Les❤️

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**Janette Byrom** - February 09, 2024 at 10:50 PM

DB

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Les. He was a great man and will be very much missed by his family and friends. I enjoyed his friendship at Libmans. Prayers and peace for all.  
Darlene Dorris Budd

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**Darlene Budd** - February 09, 2024 at 08:00 PM

MP

“ My deepest sympathy to all !! Les was a very special, hard working and giving person to many. Delivered mail to him for many years and would have the best conversations !! Always smiling or waving to me as I passed through. Prayers of comfort to you all.....big big big hugs to you Pat ❤️

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**Marlys Prah** - February 09, 2024 at 07:05 PM

PA

“ Our heartfelt thoughts are with you and your family, Gay.

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**patsy** - February 09, 2024 at 06:42 PM

LM

“ I AM SO SORRY TO SEE LES HAS PASSED AWAY. I KNOW WE SHOULD BE HAPPY BECAUSE HE IS WITH HIS SAVIOUR. BUT I KNOW IT WILL BE VERY HARD TO GO ON WITHOUT HIM. EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT FOR SURE. WITH NO CAR I CAN'T COME TO THE SERVICE UNLESS SOMEONE BRINGS ME. BUT I WILL PRAY FOR YOU. LOVE, LINDA

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**LINDA MILLER** - February 09, 2024 at 06:29 PM

KS

“ Aunt Patty, Mark, Gay and Dana, I am so sorry to see Uncle Les passed away. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Take care of yourselves, Love, Kathy, Tom and Family.

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**Kathy Slater** - February 09, 2024 at 04:55 PM

KP

“ Pat I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you today and the days ahead. Love and prayers Kay ❤️ 🙏🙏🙏



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kay Perry—Reimholz - February 09, 2024 at 04:15 PM