



Omer Langenfeld

September 8, 1918 - December 21, 2021

Omer Langenfeld, 103, of Carroll, passed away on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Music will be by Kathy Halbur and Kathleen Macke. Lector will be Alan Langenfeld. Gift Bearers will be Shelly Klemmer and Crystal Klemmer. Eucharistic Minister will be Pam Kraus. Casket Bearers will be Mark Kraus, Ben Kraus, Tony Kraus, Chris Schnell, Josh Young, and Mario Salazar. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery with Military Honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Community of Concern Food Bank in Carroll or a charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Omer's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Omer "Doc" Langenfeld was born in Carroll, Iowa on September 8, 1918 to Casper and Anna (Petsche) Langenfeld. He married Grace Schulte on June 24, 1943 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Carroll.

Omer worked for Carroll Electric Light and Power before entering the Navy in 1941. After four years of military service during WWII, he worked for Heider Manufacturing in Carroll until his retirement upon its closure in 1983.

He served on the Carroll City Planning and Zoning Commission and later served seven years as a city councilman.

Omer had a remarkable memory and could recall names and places from over 80 years ago. People were amazed with his recall and he always had a joke to fit any situation. He had an abundance of stories to share from his service days.

He was always curious and enjoyed repairing, tinkering and inventing. He was an accomplished welder and machinist, and taught himself TV repair which he did as an after-hours job for many years. Some Carroll residents may still have the clotheslines he designed, fabricated and installed. Omer also worked with Doc Collison on the restoration of two antique Heider tractors. In addition, he enjoyed tackling mechanical puzzles of all kinds and never found one he couldn't eventually solve.

Omer spent the last eight months as a resident of St Anthony's Nursing Home in Carroll. He knew the staff well from visiting Grace daily during her eight-year stay at the same nursing home. He died peacefully in his sleep on December 21, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his parents Casper and Anna; step mother Margaret; wife Grace; son-in-law Pat Young; great grandchildren Zach Kach and Amanda Ficek; siblings Felix, Elmer, Marie, Lorene and Vincent; step siblings Albert and Louis Nagl and Florence Nagl Westendorf; and half sister Helen Langenfeld Meyers.

Omer is survived by sons Alan Langenfeld (Karen) of Cedar Rapids and Don Langenfeld (Holly) of Sagle, ID; daughters Kathy Young of Rochester, MN; Mary Lou Klemmer (Dan) of Dublin, OH; and Jean Galasso of Des Moines; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I was so sad to hear that Uncle Doc passed away. He was one of my favorite uncles, especially when I was older. I so appreciated talking with him when my dad was in St. Anthony’s nursing home. He always had stories to tell and information to impart. On January 6, he emailed me in DC to make sure we were OK following the events at the Capitol — just one example of his thoughtfulness. He was so proud of his family and the many generations alive at the same time. He will be missed. Please take comfort in the wonderful memories you have of him.

A donation has been made in Doc’s memory to the Community of Concern Food Bank in Carroll.

Denise Grimsman

Denise Grimsman - December 29, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ Mrs. Fields With Sympathy Combo Tin was purchased for the family of Omer Langenfeld.



December 28, 2021 at 02:55 PM

SY

“ Our sincere condolences to Omar’s family. Over the years Tim and I have so enjoyed our sister in law’s (Kathy) stories of her dad. He seemed to be in a league of his own. His deep curiosity, inventive mind, sharp intellect, caring and kindness, love of family, and steel trap memory were amazing qualities. Omar lived a long, full life. May he rest In Peace. Susan Young and Tim Boyer

Susan Young - December 27, 2021 at 05:04 PM

LW

“ We were so sorry to hear of your sweet dad's passing. He and your mom were such wonderful neighbors!
A donation will be sent in his memory to the Community of Concern Food Bank in Carroll.
With deepest sympathies and warm regards,

Bonnie (Lyons) Martin and Family

Linda S Wittrock - December 27, 2021 at 04:42 PM

JG

*Linda, thanks so much for kind words! And the donation. I hope you and your family are all well.
Jeanie and family*

Jean Galasso - December 28, 2021 at 07:26 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of Doc’s passing. I have a lot of great memories of Doc. When I was a little kid, I remember him coming to our house to fix the tv (black and white) one time with his bag of tubes and I watched intently. He hired me one summer when I was in high school to do odd jobs and put up an antenna tower in the back of someone’s house. It was probably my first job. Later in life I helped him fix a TV and he was so encouraging it gave me the confidence to go back to school. I always enjoyed talking to Doc. He was humble, kind and very intelligent... he will be missed. Bob Schulte

Bob Schulte - December 24, 2021 at 11:47 AM

JG

Bob, thanks for the memory! I am not sure I knew all that!
Jeanie and family

Jean Galasso - December 28, 2021 at 07:28 PM

DD

“ So sorry to hear that Uncle Doc passed away. He was such a great guy. Always so pleasant. I remember visiting with him several times at St. Anthony’s when he came to visit Dad or we stopped by to see Grace. Sent him a card when he went to live at St. Anthony’s and was pleasantly surprised to get an email from him thanking me. I remember he liked using his I pad. He was very tech savvy. A donation has been made to the Community of Concern Food Bank in Carroll in his memory. Keeping your family in my prayers. Deb Droessler

Deb Droessler - December 24, 2021 at 10:47 AM

JG

Deb, thanks so much! Dad appreciated the card you sent to him at the nursing home.
Jeanie and family

Jean Galasso - December 28, 2021 at 07:29 PM

JL

“ Omer was a wonderful man that we all loved so much. His mind was so sharp, We loved visiting with him because he was so interesting. I know you will all miss him so much. I am sorry for your loss. June Langenfeld

June Langenfeld - December 23, 2021 at 07:16 PM

JP

“ Thoughts and sympathies to the entire Langenfeld family. Omer and Grace were life-long neighbors of my parents. When mom and dad needed to move to St Anthony Nursing home, they were blessed to have Omer's friendship, support and ever-present smile. Prayers. Joyce (Mayer) Pudenz

Joyce M Pudenz - December 22, 2021 at 11:14 PM

 Pat Staples

“ She very sorry for your loss. Enjoyed the talks we had when visiting the nursing home when his wife was there. He and my dad (Lawrence Lampe) spent quite a bit of time reminiscing about Heider's. We looked through several of the pictures dad had from the early years until the time they closed the doors. They knew each other for many years as dad owned Bell Transfer. Have you in my prayers! Pat Staples

Pat Staples - December 21, 2021 at 09:31 PM