



Neil Herbert Jorgensen

February 15, 1939 - September 8, 2025

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Neil H. Jorgensen of Verona, WI, passed away surrounded by family on September 8, 2025, at the age of 86 following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born the eldest child of Herbert and Doris (Witter) Jorgensen in Milwaukee, WI, on February 15, 1939. The family moved to Oconto Falls, WI, where he grew up on a dairy farm, and was very active in the Night Hawks 4H Club where he won many awards. After graduating from Oconto Falls High School in the class of 1957, Neil moved to Milwaukee and attended Milwaukee College majoring in accounting while working full time at O'Neil Duro Company before entering the Army in 1962 – 1964. Upon returning from the Army, Neil married Margaret M. Acketz on June 27, 1964, in Richland Center, WI.

Neil reentered the public sector when he went to work on September 4, 1965, with Alton Box Board Company in Milwaukee as an accounting clerk. Neil and Margaret raised their sons Mark (b. 1966) and Todd (b. 1969) in Milwaukee prior to moving to St Louis, MO, in 1976. Neil stayed with the company through several positions and name changes until his retirement as a Division Controller at Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation on January 1, 2000, after 35 years of service.

Neil cherished time with his family as well as traveling to several destinations. He will be remembered for his contagious laugh, immaculately kept cars, and well-manicured lawns. Neil enjoyed striking up conversations with any person he encountered and was involved in the ministry of Jehovah's Witnesses. Neil is survived by his wife of 61 years, Margaret; two sons, Mark (Jennifer) of Middleton, WI, and Todd (Karen) of Owensville, IN; three grandchildren: Rachel, Emily (Bemis) Gorvego, and Gregory Jorgensen; two step-granddaughters: Cassandra and Katherine Kodrich and two step-great grandchildren: Brooklynn and Brandon. In addition, Neil is survived by his siblings: Barbara Heberling of Wahalla, SC, and Lars Jorgensen of Minneiska, MN; brother-in-law Verne (Rita) Acketz of Sextonville, WI; Cheryl (Patrick) Crook of Richland Center as well other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Neil was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert & Doris (Witter) Jorgensen, his brother and sister-in-law David and Sharon Jorgensen, brother-in-law Douglas Heberling, sister-in-law Judy Jorgensen, father and mother-in-law George and Nona Acketz, and sister-in-law Cindy Acketz.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 2:30 PM with visitation starting at 1:30 PM at Kingdom Hall – 542 Pleasant View Road, Middleton, WI 53562.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to a hospice care center of your choice, Worldwide Work of Jehovah's Witnesses, or a charity of your preference.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT 11. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Kingdom Hall - Middleton
542 Pleasant View Road
Middleton, WI 53562

Celebration of Life

OCT 11. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ It was a tremendous privilege to work with Neil in St. Louis for a number of years. One of my fondest work memories. He taught me more than most and enabled me to grow. He will be forever treasured in my heart.

Wayne H. - January 27 at 05:03 PM

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“ We The Class of 1957 of Oconto Falls WI., offer our sincere sympathy to Neil's family. It is Nov. And just happened to come across his passing. so sorry for Margaret , his loving wife. Neil loved to come each year to our Class Visitations and spend some time around where he grew up. He was the best of friends to all of our class and posting this obituary will be one way of letting them know of his death. After e-mailing him for a time, I could see his typing was getting hard for him, so I just prayed for him. RIP Neil and peace and comfort to his family!



Lorraine Radke - November 02, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ To the family and friends of Neil Herbert Jorgensen, another Comrade has been called to the high command. He has gone to the commander of us all. He offered his service to our country in a time of national need, and is now enrolled in that great spirit army whose footfalls cause no sound. But in the memory of man, their souls go marching on. Because of them, our lives are free, because of them the world is blessed. Our deepest condolences from Bower-Gunnill-Dalton VFW Post 2267, Richland Center, WI.



Margie Freeman - September 16, 2025 at 03:19 PM