

Celebration of Life

George Laverne Sorensen and Joan Claire Sorensen



Joan Claire Sorensen

March 26, 1938– Jan. 10, 2024

George Laverne Sorensen was born at the family farm in Audubon on March 26, 1938 and passed away Jan. 10, 2024 at the age of 85. He was the third of five children born to the union of Enoch Jeppe Sorensen and Mildred Irene (Barratt) Sorensen. Mildred passed away from an unknown ailment in July of 1943 when George was just 5 years old and the youngest child, Loretta, was just three months old. Enoch farmed and raised the oldest four children, and Loretta was raised by her grandparents, Mildred’s parents, north of Harlan. George attended school at rural school Douglas #1 and later graduated from Audubon High School in the Class of 1956.

Nov. 15, 1938 – Jan. 14, 2024

Joan Claire (Budd) Sorensen was born at the family home in Yellow Dog Canyon, Neb., on Nov. 15, 1938, and passed away Jan. 14, 2024 at the age of 85. She was the fifth of seven children born to the union of Gerald Leroy Budd and Willamine Sara (Campbell) Budd. The family moved to Glenwood, where she attended school, graduating from Glenwood High School in 1956.

After high school, George began farming with his father and younger brother Harold. They grew crops, had beef cattle, hogs and dairy. George also joined the US Army National Guard. He received training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and Fort Dix, New Jersey while serving a six-year term.

Following graduation, Joan trained as a cosmetologist at Barnes Beauty School in Council Bluffs, graduating in April 1957. She initially worked at Dorothy’s Beauty Shop in Glenwood but wanted to own her own shop. She decided to move to Audubon where her oldest brother, Gary, worked for the telephone company. In September 1958 she opened Joan’s Beauty Shop in Audubon.

George and Joan met in 1958 when George would get his hair cut at Sam’s Barber Shop which was connected by a door to Joan’s Beauty Shop, and he would stop in to talk to Joan. They quickly became friends and started dating. They fell in love and were married at the Methodist church in Glenwood, on May 29, 1960. They honeymooned in Colorado, where they experienced the beauty and majesty of the mountains for the first time.

George and Joan lived on an acreage 8.5 miles northwest of Audubon and George continued to farm with his dad and brother. In 1961, the first child, Dennis Lee was born to their union, followed by Shari Joann (1964), Douglas Dwayne (1966), and Rena Jean (1968). Joan continued to own and operate the beauty shop but reduced to 3 days a week as they welcomed kids into their family. She eventually sold the shop to Ella Lauritsen in 1968 and focused on raising their children and supporting George on the family farm full time. George continued to farm alongside his father, Enoch, and younger brother Harold until Harold, his wife Karen, and all three of their children perished tragically from a carbon monoxide accident in January of 1967.

George and Joan built a house and moved onto the family farm in 1969, where they lived, thrived, and shared many joys and hardships. George enjoyed teaching their children about the farm and supporting their engagement working on the farm, participating in 4-H, and riding horses. After she sold her busi-

ness, Joan focused on raising children, gardening, canning, cooking and hosting family and friends, and attending to life on the farm. She loved quilting and made baby quilts for each grandchild, continuing the legacy of her mother who had crocheted afghan’s for each of her grandchildren’s weddings. She was active in Women of the Church, Circle, the Quilting Club and other social activities. They were both active members of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, serving terms as Treasurer, and consistently participating in the active community events and support. They were quick to support family, friends, neighbors, and strangers who needed anything from a cup of sugar to helping a neighbor whose combine broke down during harvest. The farm was also a magnet for nieces and nephews who loved to come stay with Uncle George and Aunt Joan.

George retired from farming in 2002 and they bought a house in Audubon. He continued to support the farm with Doug, who moved into the family home. Joan dearly loved hosting family reunions and get-togethers, which brought her much joy. She was a social butterfly, very often the first to arrive and the last to leave, with George typically waiting in the car for her to wrap up a conversation before he could go home and do chores. In retirement, George took up wood-working, making numerous heirloom items for his children and grandchildren. Joan continued to make quilts and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and hosting family holidays, events and reunions. George and Joan enjoyed many long trips to see their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, as well as the many wonders of our great country. Among their favorite memories were the trips by car to California and Seattle, Wash., passing by many great scenes of visionary enchantment.

Preceding them in death were their parents: Enoch and Mildred Sorensen and Gerald and Willamine Budd; George’s siblings: Elaine (Sorensen) Lauritsen and husbands Emmert and Edward, Harold and Karen (Wanninger) Sorensen, and Loretta (Sorensen) Eldridge, Maynard Madsen, husband of Rosie (Sorensen) Madsen; nieces and nephews: Laurie, Deborah and Kevin Sorensen, Tim Lauritsen, and Mark Madsen. Joan’s siblings: Loyd Budd, Gary Budd, Joyce (wife of Henry Budd) and Willis Budd; their nieces and nephews Julie Budd, Kenny Budd, Sharon and John Rademacher, and Doug Berger.

Survivors include their siblings and children and their spouses: Rose Madsen of Audubon; Buzz Eldridge of Cayuga, Ind.; Mary Karbiner of Sun City, Ariz.; Orma Budd of Tucson, Aria.; Henry Budd of Baton Rouge, La.; Sonja Budd of Gretna, Neb.; James and Myrna Budd of Glenwood; Robert and Betty (Budd) Hauger; Dennis and Ember (Seward) Sorensen of Agate, Colo.; Shari and John Breiten of Clive; Douglas and Lisa (Graettinger) Sorensen of Audubon; and Rena Sorensen of Cincinnati, Ohio; their grandchildren: Tyrel and Lacey Sorensen of Denver, Colo.; Mireya and Manthan Ray of Chicago, Ill.; Jason Burnworth and Avery Burnworth of Cincinnati, Ohio; Izik, Jocelyn, Jordyn, Jasmyn, Jeppe, Jaxtyn, Joseph, and Jasper Sorensen, all of Audubon; their great-grandchildren: Zaaely Sharp of Simla, Colo.; Elena and Reina Ray of Chicago, Ill.; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



George Laverne Sorensen

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Legal Notice

AUDUBON CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, January 8, 2024  
5:30 PM Location City Hall

OPENING BUSINESS

Call meeting to order

Minutes: Mayor Malloy opened the meeting at 5:31pm. Council in attendance: Grabill, Hocker, Meyer, Richardson, Wegner.

Approval of Agenda

Minutes: Richardson moved that we move the old business agenda item to the end and approved the rest of the agenda, Grabill seconded. ALL AYED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of previous Council meetings, Claims, Treasurer Report and Budget YTD Report

Minutes: Richardson moved, Grabill seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. ALL AYED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Amend ordinance 63.04 for electric speed sign.

Minutes: Mayor Malloy opened the hearing at 5:33pm. John Ballou spoke on cons of getting these speed signs. Mayor Malloy closed the hearing at 5:35pm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police

Minutes: Chief Gust stated that the new officer, Ethan Bearley started today. He will attend the academy in April. Gust is currently working with the city attorney on how we can take care of the unpaid parking tickets.

Fire and Fire Association

Minutes: No report

Public Works

Minutes: They have received a few applications and will soon hire a new public works person.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Clerk

Minutes: The move went well besides the issues with the phone. Everything is now working and just trying to get organized.

Library

Minutes: The library sold 128 passports in 2023. The record was 88. Gail has renewed her passport training. She will meet with the supervisors tomorrow. She has begun planning for this summer’s Music in the Park.

OLD BUSINESS

23-36 Code Enforcement Discussion

Minutes: Richardson typed up possible job description for this position and gave to council to review. Will put on next meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Geospatial Presentation

Minutes: The Geospatial representative gave a presentation on Beacon and its services it could provide to our city.

Country Players

Minutes: Country players would like to rent a portion of the basement for storage. They would like to replace the lock on the basement door at their cost. The city will have the attorney draw up a rental agreement.

Main street businesses and buildings

Minutes: Grabill and Wegner came up with a questionnaire to have main street business and building owners complete.

Cleaning and pest control of both city buildings

Minutes: Tabled until next meeting.

Order to publish 2023 wages

Minutes: Hocker moved, Grabill seconded to publish 2023 wages.

Resolution 24-01, Department pay raises

Minutes: Hocker moved, Grabill seconded to table this. ALL AYED.

Police and Public Work Department vacation payouts

Minutes: Hocker moved, Grabill seconded to pay out 40 hours of vacation time to Coby Gust and Sean Staples.

Public Works Hire

Minutes: Public Works Director Juelsgaard would like a closed session. This will be scheduled at a different time.

Comprehensive plan

Minutes: Wegner moved, Hocker seconded, to have Mayor Malloy sign the agreement. ALL AYED.

Conflicts of interest

Minutes: Mayor Malloy discussed his tree business and potential conflict of interest with it. Richardson moved to table this, Hocker seconded. ALL AYED.

Appointments of City Clerk, Mayor Protem, and all other city boards.

Minutes: Richardson moved, Meyer seconded to appoint new City Clerk Janell Remsburg. ALL AYED. Mayor Malloy appointed Andrew Grabill which was moved by Richardson and seconded by Hocker. ALL AYED. Mayor Malloy appointed Hartl, Hoyle, and Meyer to the Park and Rec Board which was moved by Richardson, seconded by Wegner. ALL AYED.

PROPOSITIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Park & Rec Board and Planning & Zoning Board

Minutes: Mayor would like a representative from each board to attend the council meetings to give updates.

PROPOSITIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

City Website and Snow ordinance

Minutes: Grabill would like to consider getting a more user-friendly city website. He also said he had received some complaints regarding jake-brake noise on the edge of town. Hocker would like to discuss and clarify the snow ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

Minutes

Robert Malloy, Mayor

Attest: Jennifer Stetzel,  
Deputy Clerk

ACCO, CHEMICALS .....	938.5
ACE HARDWARE, SUPPLIES.....	858.4
ADVOCATE JOURNAL, PUBLICATIONS .....	929.2
AFLAC, CANCER .....	431.64
AGRILAND FS INC.FUEL .....	1,822.09
AHLERS & COONEY LAW, ATTORNEY FEES .....	63
ALPHA MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES.....	375.35
AMBER HARTL, Lifeguard cert reimbursement .....	80
AMERICAN PATCHWORK/QUILT, PERIODICALS .....	39.97
ANATOMY IT, December bill.....	1,914.45
ARCHITECTUAL DIGEST , PERIODICALS .....	20
AUDUBON AG AND AUTO, PARTS .....	210.11
AUDUBON CO. AIRPORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATION .....	1,613.49
AUDUBON CO. RECORDER, RECORDING FEES .....	17
AUDUBON CO. SECONDARY RD, ROAD SALT .....	2,449.24
AUDUBON CO. TRANSFER STATION, 3RD QUARTER .....	13,056.00
AUDUBON FURNITURE MART, LABOR.....	428
BAKER &TAYLOR, BOOKS .....	208.86
CARROLL CLEANING SUPPLY, SUPPLIES.....	108
CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE, NOVEMBER .....	14,450.00
CASEYS GENERAL STORE, FUEL .....	452.31
CENTRAL IOWA READY MIX, CONCRETE .....	876
CHRISTENSEN, ANNABELLE, REFUND OF 4 SPACES .....	800
CLARK SERVICE AND EXHAUST, 2019 TAHOE .....	351.3
CNH INDUST. CAPITAL PROD.PLUS, SUPPLIES .....	12.14
COUNTRY HOME, PERIODICALS.....	25
CRITICAL HIRE, HIRING .....	195

CULLIGAN, SEWER PLANT WATER .....	22.4
DANNER LAWNSCAPES, CONTRACT .....	3,838.67
DELTA DENTAL, PREMIUM .....	1,858.50
DIXON CONSTRUCTION, BRIDGE PROJECT .....	8,963.85
ECOLAB, PEST CONTROL .....	116.83
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX .....	20,134.79
ELMQUIST WELDING, PARTS/LABOR .....	92.47
FIRST NAT BANK OF OMAHA , TRAINING .....	1,848.08
FNIC-TRUSTED INSURANCE, PREMIUM.....	40
GUST, GREYSON , CLOTHING ALLOWANCE .....	204.94
GUTHERIE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC, UTILITY .....	26.25
HACH COMPANY, SUPPLIES .....	3,221.00
HANSEN REPAIR, PARTS/LABOR .....	375.21
IOWA DEPT OF HEALTH/HUMAN SERV, CHILD SUPPORT .....	833.82
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, WET TAX .....	5,145.69
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, TESTING .....	50
IOWA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC, MEMBERSHIP .....	125
IPERS, IPERS .....	10,413.72
JEO CONSULTING GROUP, WATER PROJECT .....	8,795.00
KRIEGER KLEANING, NOVEMBER .....	600
MEDIACOM, TELEPHONE .....	196.1
MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY, PARTS .....	1,179.90
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, TESTING .....	1,087.25
MID AMERICAN BOOKS, BOOKS.....	197.7
MID AMERICAN ENERGY, UTILITIES .....	11,091.01
MIDWEST TAPE, VIDEOS.....	162.45
MIDWEST VAC PROFESSIONALS, SERVICE .....	875
PENWORTHY, BOOKS.....	309.07
PETTY CASH, POSTAGE .....	61.57
RANGE MASTERS, SUPPLIES .....	94.03
REMSBURG SERVICE, PARTS/LABOR.....	4,173.36
SPECIALTY CONCRETE LLC, CONCRETE WORK .....	6,572.00
STATE WITHHOLDING, STATE TAXES .....	2,527.74
STETZEL, JEN, Lifeguard reimbursement for .....	80
STOREY KENWORTHY, Delinquent postcards .....	331.18
TEC ENGINEERING & SURVEY, ENGINEERING .....	1,435.75
THE OFFICE STOP, SUPPLIES.....	562.83
UNITED HEALTHCARE, PREMIUM .....	26,621.17
UNPLUGGED WIRELESS COMMUNICATI, EQUIPMENT .....	8,594.10
US POST OFFICE, POSTAGE .....	381.48
US WATER SERVICES, CONTRACT .....	15,893.91
USDA, LOAN PAYMENT .....	8,941.00
VERIZON WIRELESS, CELLPHONE .....	236.35
VESPER, JOHANN, SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT .....	1,025.00
VETERINARY ASSOC. OF MANNING, ANIMAL BOARDING .....	405.6
WAHLERT SOIL CONSERVATION, PARTS/LABOR.....	5,504.00
WASPY’S TRUCK STOP LLC, FUEL .....	783.66
WELLS FARGO FINANCE LEASING, COPIER .....	263.03
WINDSTREAM, TELEPHONE .....	1,160.76
TOTAL	210,178.27

GENERAL FUND .....	106,695.76
EMS .....	375.35
ROAD USE TAX .....	8,759.91
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT .....	22,075.68
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX .....	10,543.50
WATER FUND .....	38,434.58
SEWER FUND .....	23,293.49
TOTAL FUNDS	210,178.27
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