



Albert R. Iken

December 3, 1942 - September 14, 2025

Albert Roy Iken, of Lennox, South Dakota passed from this life on September 14, 2025 at the age of 82.

Born in Sioux Falls on December 3, 1942 to parents Okke and Johanna Iken, Albert grew up in Lennox where he met his wife Lorna Tronson after her car needed attention and she called the mechanic shop where he worked. The cost for the fix was a date and the rest is history, the two were married on April 11, 1964 at First English Lutheran Church in Lennox.

Albert worked for many years as an auto mechanic at Don Leonard's Auto Shop, Cenex, and Great Plains Supply, all in Lennox. He and Ken Klinger also drove campers from Elkhart, Indiana and delivered them to Jack's Campers in Mitchell, SD for many years. Later in life, he became a self-employed plumber, known for his honest work, skillful hands, and fair prices. He never overcharged and always gave his best.

Albert was deeply involved in his community. He served as a volunteer firefighter for the Lennox Fire Department for 30 years and volunteered with the Lennox Ambulance for 28 years. He was a long-time member of First English Lutheran Church.

A true South Dakotan at heart, Albert was a man who loved being outdoors –

working in the yard, collecting recyclables and scrap metal, or simply taking drives in his pickup to check on building projects around town. He had a gift for fixing just about anything and was always ready with his trademark encouragement: "Give it the South Dakota try." Animals and children all adored him and the feeling was mutual. He loved to teach his children and grandchildren how to fix and experience life.

Albert was known for his quick wit and gentle humor. He loved to drink coffee and had a special way of keeping others on their toes with a playful grin and good-natured teasing. No matter the time of day, he greeted you with a good morning.

Albert is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lorna; his children, Jane Iken of Lennox, Jason (Jackie) Iken of Houston, TX, and Jess (Cara) Iken of Lennox; grandchildren, Caden, Karson, and Karissa Iken of Lennox and Nick (Amanda), Garrett and Ben Aguilar of Houston, TX; great-grandchildren, Preston and Zara Aguilar of Houston, TX; sisters-in-law, Betty Tronson of Glenwood, IA and Tammy (Mike) Oltmanns of Lennox; as well as many nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, Clarence and Leona Tronson; and brother-in-law, Merrill Tronson.

A special thank-you from Albert's family goes to Ascera Care, especially Jamie and Kenzi; as well as everyone at the Canton Good Samaritan for the care they provided.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **17**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First English Lutheran Church
120 E. 2nd Avenue
Lennox, SD 57039

Prayer service beginning at 6:45 pm.

Memorial Service

SEP **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jarman Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Albert R. Iken



Jarman Family Funeral Home - October 03, 2025 at 04:02 PM

GF

“ Albert fixed my furnace in my shop in Worthing in 1995. It was worn out but he made it run & wouldn't chart a cent for his work. Just a wonderful man! Our sympathies to his family. 🙏🌟

gail fenske - September 19, 2025 at 09:31 AM

WC

“ Jason,
May your dad's memory be a blessing. I am sorry for your loss. I prayed for you this morning, may God be your refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. (Psalm 46:1)
Wayne from EFW

Wayne Cone - September 17, 2025 at 07:55 AM

TM

“ Even to us here in Wyoming, he's Uncle Albert. And will be missed.

Teri McVey - September 16, 2025 at 10:08 PM

DR

“ Sorry to hear of Alberts passing! Daryl and my thoughts and prayers are with you! Dianne and Daryl Riddle

Dianne Riddle - September 16, 2025 at 03:43 PM

CK

“ Albert was such a wonderful, kind, caring man. Whenever we needed Albert he was quick to show up for plumbing needs. You could ALWAYS count on Albert. He was my dad's best friend. They enjoyed drives around town to see whats new or happening. We could always drop off scrap metals at the quonset huts. Albert and Willy would take the loads into Sioux Falls to scrap yards. My dad sure looked forward to those trips. If you ever needed a unique piece of metal to fix something Albert would have you wonder in one of his quonset to find it (he knew where everything was) . The day after Goemans auction you could see Albert helping by getting the scrap metals loaded. How we described Albert was a TALL drink of water. His smirk smile was always his sign of words without speaking. Gonna miss ya Big guy. Keep those angels smiling. Thanks for all your help thru the years. Kevin and Cindy Kelley.

cindy kelley - September 16, 2025 at 11:52 AM

SP

“ Jane and family,
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Albert. He truly was a gentle giant. Blessings to you all and comfort during this time.
Steve and Cheryl Pedersen

Steve and Cheryl Pedersen - September 16, 2025 at 08:20 AM

RJ

“ Lorna and children. I am so sorry to hear that Albert has passed away. You and your family are in my prayers.

Ruth Javers - September 15, 2025 at 02:45 PM

LF

I'm so sorry for your loss Lorna. Albert was a great man, he always made me laugh. Remember the good times! You are in my prayers.

Lynette Foltz - September 15, 2025 at 06:35 PM

KA

So sorry for your loss Lorna and family. Sending prayers .

kristy albers - September 16, 2025 at 08:02 AM

JR

Lorna, Jane, Jason and Jess,

I am sorry to see of Albert's passing. It was always great to see him about town, whether at GPS, with the crews or stopping by with a friend to help out for a bit ;) and see what he was up to. BTW, that GPS golf cart shed is standing fine out at Lenkota. I tell folks, "I am so old, I remember when the GPS cart shed was a big deal!"

May God and his grace be with you.

Jeff Radel

Jeff Radel - September 19, 2025 at 12:16 PM

HS

Lorna, I am so sorry for your loss of Albert We won't be "meeting" at the heart hospital waiting room now. I have learned, as I hope you will, that life goes on, but most importantly, that our God is a great God who will see us through all our days, and give us the comfort and courage that we need. Peace, joy, love, and hope to you!

Helen Sweeter - October 01, 2025 at 12:26 PM