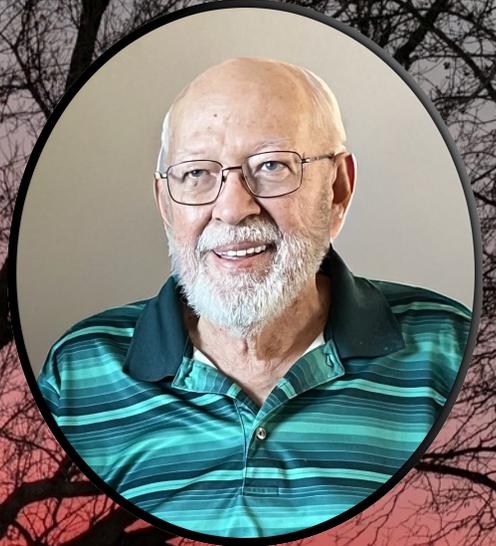




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In Loving Memory of

Ronald Boyenga

November 11, 1940 - January 30, 2026

Ronald Leroy Boyenga was born during the blizzard of 1940 on November 11th in Luverne, Minnesota to Fred and Doris (Duncomb) Boyenga. He was baptized and confirmed at the Stateline Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth, Minnesota. Ron grew up on the family farm southeast of Luverne. He attended Ellsworth Public School and graduated in 1958. He attended the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota for one year before enlisting in the Army National Guard, serving for six years. On November 18, 1961, Ron was united in marriage to Anita Lucille Wiese at the Stateline Presbyterian Church. The couple spent their first year on Ron's parents' farm and then rented an acreage which they later purchased and where they would reside for the remainder of their lives. Ron did crop and livestock farming and even in retirement, assisted during planting and harvest season. Anita preceded him in death in 2023.

Ron was currently a member of the United Christian Church in Rock Rapids, Iowa after being a life-long member of Stateline Presbyterian Church until its closing. He was always very involved in church leadership, filling positions of Sunday school superintendent, board chairman, and young adult and youth leader, to name a few of the many hats he wore through the years. Ron was a member of Mensa, the High IQ Society. He also served on various community boards and committees during his lifetime. He was on the Ellsworth School Board for nine years and served as a Rock County commissioner for 32 years. Ron thoroughly enjoyed public service, as well as the simple things in life – visiting with people, working, traveling, and spending time with family. Ron will be remembered for his unwavering faith, his wise counsel, loyalty and generosity.

On Friday, January 30, 2026, Ron passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by family, at the age of 85 years, 2 months, and 19 days. As a final act of generosity, Ron chose to donate his body to the Anatomy Bequest Program at the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis. A graveside memorial service will be held after the remains are returned.

Left to honor his memory are his five children, Melinda (Chet) DeJong of Lake Park, Iowa, Wanda (Mike) Jarchow of Luverne, Mike (Angie) Boyenga of Ellsworth, Hugh (Patrick) Boyenga of Sacramento, California, and Nicole (Chris) Maag of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; grandchildren, Maxwell (Gracia), Luke, Emily (Matthew), Amelia, Elise, Griffen, Anja, Katia, Lydia, Carter, Simon, Brynn, and Maesa; two great-grandchildren, Jack and Henry; and brother, Mark (Priscilla) Boyenga of Hamilton, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anita; parents, Fred and Doris Boyenga; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Loren and Ruth Wiese, and Vernon and Annette Wiese.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. Donations will be directed to Cornerstone of Immanuel Ag Missions (Ron's cousins who are missionaries in Kampala, Africa).

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails." I Corinthians 13:4-8