



## Ole Jessen-Klixbull

August 10, 1943 - April 4, 2015

Services celebrating the life of Ole Jessen-Klixbull, age 71, of Cold Spring, will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring. Ole died April 4 at the St. Cloud Hospital. Burial will be in the St. Boniface Parish Cemetery, Cold Spring.

Relatives and friends may call from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 10, at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring and from 9:00 to 10:50 a.m. Saturday, April 11.

Ole was born August 10, 1943, in Vorup, Jutland, Denmark, to Erik and Liss (Rykw) Jessen-Klixbull. He married Carol (Prather) Jessen-Klixbull August 2, 1980, in Tioga, North Dakota.

He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1963 to 1972, which included leading a combined action company in Ky Khuong, Ly Tin District, Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with V for Valor and two Purple Hearts. Ole was a recruiter in the St. Cloud area for the Marine Corps from 1967 to 1971. He received a direct commission to the United States Army Reserve in 1973, serving in a number of assignments including as Battalion Commander of the 3rd Battalion, 3rd United States Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota. He retired at the rank of Colonel in 2003.

He graduated from St. Cloud State University in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in social studies education and earned a master's degree in educational counseling from Bemidji State University in 1980. Ole taught social studies at Rocori High School in Cold Spring from 1975 to 1977, 1980 to 1985 and 1990 to 2005. He served as assistant professor of military science at St. John's University in Collegeville from 1985 to 1990. After retiring from Rocori, he was active with the American Red Cross, Skywarn and a number of emergency management agencies.

Ole had a passion for running, orienteering, cross-country skiing and sailing. He was an excellent cook and enjoyed entertaining. In his retirement years he raised grapes for the Minnesota wine industry. He was widely traveled, an avid reader and a life-long learner. Above all, Ole was a people-person — he truly loved being with people, talking with them and sharing stories about both his and their experiences.

He was a member of several organizations including the Twin Cities Danish American Fellowship, Rebuild National Park Society, Minnesota Grape Growers Association, Reserve Officers Association, Marine Corps League Valhalla Detachment and the Cold Spring American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Vietnam Last Man's Club.

Ole is survived by wife, Carol, and brothers Per (Else) Jessen-Klixbüll, Poul (Vibeke) Jessen-Klixbüll and Jess Jessen-Klixbüll, mother-in-law, Orpha Prather, brothers-in-law, Edward R. Prather, Stephen (Christine) Prather, James (Donna) Prather and nieces and nephews in Denmark and the United States. He was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law, Edward H. Prather.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Boniface Parish Cemetery

Cold Spring, MN 56320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cold Spring, Wenner Funeral Home  
600 Red River Ave S  
Cold Spring, MN 56320  
(320) 685-7762  
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## Visitation

APR 11. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

RS

“ I knew Ole when he was a Marine assigned to India 3/3 in 1964, he was in my squad, we spent many hours training together, joking around just being young marines, I lost contact with him when I went TAD to Vietnam, am so sorry to hear of his passing. Semper Fi my friend,



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**Richard Starkey** - January 25, 2025 at 11:24 PM



“ Ole Jessen-Klixbull

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January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM

HB

“ I was very fortunate to be a friend of Ole Jessen Klicksbull while serving in the US Marine Corps while at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island South Carolina in 1971. My condolences to the Family & his many Friends & associates! I unfortunately did not try to keep in touch with Marines I served with, because of the negative attitude the civilian population had for Military that served in VietNam. I only knew him for a short time, but was impressed with him, the way he carried himself & I knew he would go far in life, as I believed he did! Sorry for your loss,,,,,

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**Howard Barron** - February 29, 2020 at 10:33 PM

UL

“ I had the pleasure of having Ole as a teacher when I was an exchange student at Rocori 1982-83. I really enjoyed his geography and social science classes. He was an excellent teacher. It was also so nice to meet Ole and you, Carol, when I was back in Cold Spring 1990. I also very much appreciated the Christmas cards I received from you and Ole for many years. I'm so sorry for your loss, Carol. My deepest sympathy. I'm thinking about you and sending warm hugs from Sweden.

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**Ulla** - May 13, 2015 at 12:02 PM

RW

“ I was invited to Mr and Mrs Klixbull's house when I became friends with their niece Iben, a visiting exchange student from Denmark. It was the first time I had a truly European-style dinner where we sat at the table for a long time and discussed ideas. I remember Mr Klixbull talking about his dogs, and how he wished he could let them run free and taste exhilarating freedom for just a moment. I remember a beautiful desk and art on the walls. I thank this man for treating an unknown girl like an adult and all the other wonderful things I just read about. I hope for peace for his family and friends.

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**Ritalee Heurung Walters** - April 17, 2015 at 10:07 AM

SM

“ Thinking of you today and praying for comfort and peace for your family.

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**Sheryl Matthews** - April 11, 2015 at 09:15 AM

TB

“ *The Cadets and Cadre of the SJU Fighting Saints Battalion purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ole Jessen-Klixbull.*



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**The Cadets and Cadre of the SJU Fighting Saints Battalion -**  
April 08, 2015 at 02:26 PM

MO

“ *Carol, I am so sorry for your great loss. You are in my prayers.*

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**Missy Ohmann -** April 08, 2015 at 07:20 AM

JE

“ *A wonderful teacher!!!! Thank you Ole for inspiring my love for geography!!*

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**Jen -** April 07, 2015 at 09:55 PM

BA

“ *Ole was my homeroom teacher in 1985. He was a wonderful man. My deepest sympathy.*



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**Barb Adams -** April 07, 2015 at 07:44 PM

DG

“ Ole was a very special person, his dedication to preparing for the worst and helping those in need will be missed by many. He holds a special place in my heart with many memories- including his smile and the extra time he provided sharing his wisdom and knowledge of past experiences. He provided a stepping stone through his Red Cross liaison duties to our regional volunteers. Rest in peace Ole'.

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**Dona Greiner** - April 07, 2015 at 04:54 PM

PC

“ I had the honor of meeting and getting to know Ole through my dear friend Carol. There are some people who hold a "greatness" about them and Ole was one of them. He was a great leader, a great thinker and a great teacher. I felt his vital involvement in life, be it grapes or organizations, and of course people. Thank you Ole, for all you gave us, you will be missed.  
*Peg Conroy*

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**Peg Conroy** - April 07, 2015 at 04:40 PM

 Leo  
Pusateri

“ Ole was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. I enjoyed our many discussions we had regarding world events in the teacher's lounge at ROCORI High School. I had the utmost respect for him, and for the love he had for his country.

*Rest easy, Ole-- job well done, sir.*

*-Leo Pusateri*

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**Leo Pusateri** - April 07, 2015 at 09:36 AM



*Ole was such a great teacher. He always made class interesting by telling his stories, but was just a really wonderful person. My sympathy to the family. RIP Ole....fellow student, Deb Ruegemer*

**Deb Ruegemer** - April 07, 2015 at 07:30 PM



*I met Ole At the Nijmegen 4 day event in the late seventies. I walked with a team of danish soldiers and we passed a US Army Captain who addressed us in our native language. We invited him over to hear his story and i must say i was impressed by him. Many years later i met his cousin in Denmark while serving in The Danish Army Home Guard. He told me that Ole had died a few years before. I am certainly impressed attaining rank of colonel in US Army after earning his spurs in Vietnam as a Gunnery Sgt USMC and taking a direct commission as 1/lt which shows the respect USMC have in the US military. Semper Fi may you rest in peace*

**Lars Paabøl Thomsen** - October 07, 2024 at 02:40 PM