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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

The logo for Tuscania, featuring the word "TUSCANIA" in a stylized, black, serif font with a drop shadow effect, set against a solid red rectangular background.

**Larsen, Hans Christopher / Larson, Hans
Christopher
1899 WI – 1964 WI**



Hans Christian Larson - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/9611270/person/243765376/media/a43ade0a-8c13-4144-9ed1-8a7e5b1b6578>



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The Larson children – Back (left to right): Clarence, Edward, Hans, Lester – Front (left to right):
Edna, Elsie, Dagney - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/9611270/person/243765376/media/68b73465-ce63-42a4-bb6d-1aa8cecfab20?_phtarg=hFB25221



Survivor Recalls Tuscania Sinking off the Irish Coast 40 Years Ago

Hans Larsen is an installer-repairman for the Wisconsin Telephone Co., and Wednesday, as he rewired a number of phones in a downtown office, this thought struck him:

"Forty years ago I wasn't doing anything like this. I went for a swim in the Atlantic."

Larsen, then an 18-year-old private from Rice Lake, Wis., was one of nearly 2,200 United States troops aboard the British transport *Tuscania* which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland.

All told, 213 men died, and Larsen believes much of the loss of life was needless.

It was about dusk, and the

Tuscania was in a convoy ploughing and rolling en route from the United States to Glasgow, Scotland, when two torpedoes struck it.

"At a few minutes before 6 p.m.," Larsen recalled, "most of troops aboard were standing in line for chow. I was somewhere in the ship on a level

about even with the water. It had been a cold, raw day and we hadn't gone out on deck. Then it happened—a terrifically loud explosion that seemed to be everywhere around us. The next thing I heard was water as it churned into the ship and men screaming and cursing as they ran and climbed the steel ladders to get above decks. It was really bad."

Larsen continued, "When I got on deck, there was complete bedlam. Lifeboats were being lowered over the port side with men in them and long before they hit the water, the ropes were snapping—hurling the men and the boats into the water. There was a lot of panic, because those ropes were rotten and were snapping under the weight of the lifeboats. If those lines had held, maybe all those men wouldn't have died. Many of them died from exposure, even though

they were able to reach life rafts like I did. I was lucky.

Jumped into Sea -

"I jumped into the water and finally was able to grab onto a small raft. I didn't have on any outer clothing, but being wet like that they wouldn't have done any good. It was dark and I could hear men all around yelling to one another for help. I was plenty scared.

"About three hours later—long after the *Tuscania* had gone under—some of us were picked up by a destroyer that had been in the convoy. It was pretty quiet in the water then. We were taken to Londonderry, a coastal city in northern Ireland."

One British destroyer picked up 340 survivors.

"I never saw the submarine," Larsen said.

The *Tuscania* was torpedoed and sunk in what was considered by the Allied forces as

"comparatively safe" waters. She carried 2,179 American soldiers aboard, including members of the First Battalion of Wisconsin Engineers and parts of three regiments of former Wisconsin Infantry. The sinking occurred within sight of the Irish coast.

Larsen enlisted in the Army at 17 and eight months later was aboard the Tuscania. Larsen later was sent to France where he spent 15 months, seeing action in the front lines on several occasions.

Returning to the United States after the war, Larsen worked at several jobs before he became a telephone worker on the West Coast in 1920. In

1925, he transferred to the Wisconsin Telephone Company's Milwaukee office and worked as a member of one of its state crews. He was sent to Racine in 1942 and has been a member of that office's installation force since that time.	Larsen lives at 3801 North Green Bay Rd., with his wife, Florence, and a son, Charles. A daughter, Mrs. Jean Mor-
	man, is a resident of rural Racine.

LARSEN, HANS C.
3805 N. Green Bay Road

Age 64. Passed away May 1, 1964 in St. Mary's Hospital. Mr. Larsen was born in Rice Lake, Wis. on Aug. 8, 1899. During World War I, he served with the U.S. Army. For 38 years, he had been employed as an installer-repairman with the Wisconsin Telephone Co., retiring in 1962 and was a lifetime member of (Pioneers) Bell Telephone Co. Surviving are his wife, Florence (nee Rudolph), of Racine; one son, Charles, at home; one daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Jean) Moorman, Baldwin Park, Calif.; two grandchildren, Peter and Karen Moorman; three sisters, Mrs. Elsie Alnes and Mrs. Edna Alnes, Rice Lake, Wis. and Mrs. Dagny Backeberg, Madison, Wis.; two brothers, Lester and Clarence Larsen, Rice Lake, Wis. Funeral services will be held Monday, May 4, 2 p.m., in the Strouf - Sheffield Funeral Home with interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Highway 32, with military services at the grave. Friends may call at the **STROUF - SHEFFIELD FUNERAL HOME**, 1001 High St., Sunday after 2 p.m.

Obituary of Hans Christian Larsen – "Racine (WI) Journal Times" Friday 1 May 1964 p 23 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/342272389>

LARSEN, HANS C.
3805 N. Green Bay Road
 Funeral services for Hans C. Larsen, 64, who passed away May 1, 1964, will be held Monday, May 4, 2 p.m., in the Strouf-Sheffield Funeral Home. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Highway 32 with military rites at the grave. Friends may call at the **STROUF-SHEFFIELD FUNERAL HOME**, 1001 High St., Sunday after 2 p.m.

Obituary of Hans Christopher Larsen - "Racine (WI) Journal Times" Saturday 2 May 1964 p 9 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/342272599/?terms=%22hans%20larsen%22%20racine&match=1>

LIST OF RESCUED GROWS

Forty-Four Additional Soldiers Are Reported Safe.

The War department Tuesday night announced the names of forty-four additional American soldiers who were rescued from the torpedoed liner, *Tuscania*. Eight of the survivors previously had been reported as saved. Among these are several Wisconsin men, including Hans C. Larson of Rice Lake.

Definite figures of the loss of American troops in the *Tuscania* disaster could not be determined. Of the 349 names not found in the list of survivors as issued by the war department several days after the sinking after careful checking with the *Tuscania's* passenger list, 134 have since been identified among the dead, 104 have been reported as survivors, and 111 remain unaccounted for.

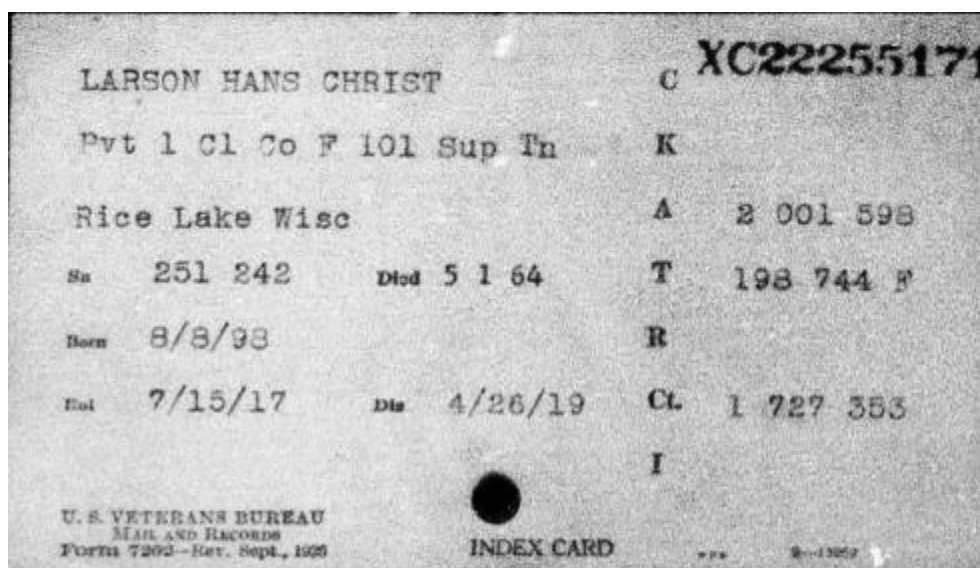
There have been thirty-three unidentified dead buried on the Scottish coast.

Hans's fate remained unknown for two weeks - "Dunn County News" (Menomonie WI) Thursday 21 Feb 1918 p 5



Baptismal record of Hans Christoffer Larsen, born 8 Aug 1899, baptized 13 Apr 1900 in Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rice Lake, Barron WI -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60722/images/41742_314382-00715?pId=151090912



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Parents:



Father Christ & mother Christina with a sibling – from Find A Grave 104079406

CHRIST LARSON

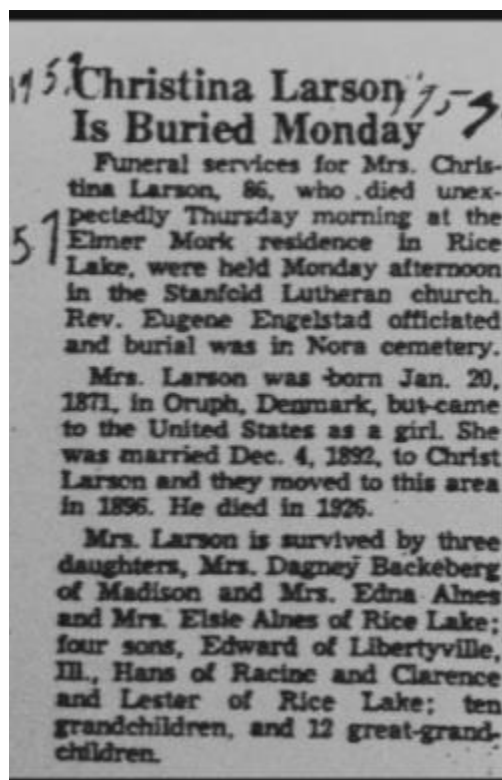
Christ Larson was born in Loland, Denmark, Sept. 29, 1867, where he grew to young manhood. He came to America to Ludington, Mich., in 1883. He worked on Lake Michigan as a fisherman and sailor. In 1891 he came to Rice Lake and was employed at various times by the Rice Lake Lbr. Co. and the Knapp, Stout Co. In 1896 he bought his present farm, then a wild piece of land. He was married Dec. 4, 1892, at Camp Douglas, Wis., to Christina Hansen. He was the father of eight children: Edward, Dagny (who died in 1900), Hans of Rice Lake, Dagny of Marenisco, Mich., Edna, Elsie, Clarence and Lester of Rice Lake.

Besides his immediate family he is survived by his mother (92 years of age) of Hartland, Wis., three sisters and two brothers.

He died at St. Barnabas hospital in Minneapolis, Thursday morning, Apr. 1, 1926, at the age of 58 years, 6 months and 2 days.

The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at the Stanfold Lutheran church, Rev. H. G. Engum officiating.

Obituary of father Christ LARSON – Find A Grave 104079406



Obituary of Christina Hanson LARSON – Find A Grave 46153540

Wife:

**LARSEN, MRS. FLORENCE A.
(NEE: RUDOLPH)
Formerly of
3805 N. Green Bay Rd.**

Racine Community Care Center
Passed away Wednesday,
November 13, 1991 at the Racine
Community Care Center at the age
of 94 years. Florence was born on
June 5, 1897 in Norwalk, Wis. to
Charles and Anna (Nee: Sacher)
Rudolph. In 1926 at St. Mary's
Catholic Church on the Ridge in
Norwalk, Wis. Florence was united
in marriage to Hans C. Larsen
Florence had been a member of St.
Rose Catholic Church and a
resident of Racine since 1941.
Surviving are one daughter, Jean
Moorman of Covina, Calif., one son
and daughter-in-law, Charles
(Marie) Larsen of Caledonia, and
three grandchildren, Peter
(Carolyn) Moorman of Dallas,
Texas, Karen Moorman of Baldwin
Park, Calif. and Chris (Myra)
Larsen of Racine. Also surviving
are two great grandchildren, Kevin
Moorman of Baldwin Park, Calif.

and Vanessa Moorman of Dallas, Texas. Florence is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hans C. Larsen in 1964. Private Services were held. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery. In Memory of Florence memorial contributions may be given to St. Catherine's High School.

**STROUF-SHEFFIELD
FUNERAL HOME**
1001 High St.
632-5101

Obituary of wife Florence Rudolph Larsen – “Racine (WI) Journal Times” Saturday 16 Nov 1991 p 4



Florence Rudolph Larsen - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/9611270/person/25566967392/gallery>

Children:



Jeanne/Jean Louise Larsen Moorman - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/9611270/person/25566967391/gallery>

BALDWIN PARK, CALIF. - Jean L. Moorman, 79, passed away Monday, June 4, 2007. She was born in September of 1927 to Hans and Florence Larsen. She is survived by children, Karen Moorman of Baldwin Park, Calif. and Peter (Diana) Moorman of Tyler, Texas; grandchildren, Vanessa Moorman of New York City, N.Y., Kevin Colchado of Baldwin Park, Calif., and William Moorman of Carrollton, Texas; and brother, Charles Larsen of Caledonia. The family wishes to thank all caregivers for their visits and help.

To plant trees in memory, please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).

Published by Racine Journal Times on Jun. 7, 2007.

Obituary of daughter Jean Larsen Moorman, who died 7 days before her brother Charles -
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/journaltimes/name/jean-moorman-obituary?pid=88748215>



Charles C. Larsen

1930 - 2007

Charles C. Larsen, 77, of Racine, Wis., passed away Monday, June 11, 2007, at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center, Milwaukee. Charles was born in Milwaukee, WI, Feb. 15, 1930, son of the late Hans C. and Florence (Nee: Rudolph) Larsen.

Charles was a graduate of Washington Park High School, Kenosha.



School. During the Korean Conflict he served in the United States Army. On June 12, 1965 at St. Therese Catholic Church,

Kenosha he was united in marriage to Marie A. West who preceded him in death, April 19, 1998. In his younger years he was employed by Massey-Harris, American Motors, Modine, Walker Manufacturing and retired from Perlick Corporation in 1992. He enjoyed attending antique tractor shows and working in his yard. He will be sadly missed.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Chris (Myra) Larsen of Franksville; his niece, Karen Moorman of Baldwin Park, Calif.; his nephew, Peter (Diana) Moorman of Tyler, Texas; other relatives and many dear friends. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his sister, Jean Moorman.

Funeral services with interment will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery Chapel, Highway 32, 5600 Holy Cross Road, Racine, Monday, June 18, 2007, 11 a.m. Relatives and friends may meet with the family at the funeral home on Sunday from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Memorials to St. Catherine's High School have been suggested.

Marie Annette Larsen

RACINE - Mrs. Marie Annette (nee: Brulport) Larsen, 74, formerly of Kenosha, passed away at her residence on Sunday, April 19, 1998.

Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, April 22, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. with Fr. Joseph Stobba officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Tuesday from 6 until 8 p.m. and at the funeral home on Wednesday from 10 until 10:30 a.m.

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HOME & CREMATION SERVICES
1001 High Street 632-5101

Obituary of Marie Annette Brulport West Larsen, wife of his son Charles Christopher Larsen –
“Racine (WI) Journal Times” Tuesday 21 Apr 1998 p 10

Name:	Marie Annettee Wallis [Marie Annette Booth] [Marie West] [Marie Larsen] [Marie Annettee Brulport]
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Birth Date:	18 Sep 1923
Birth Place:	Des Moines P, Iowa [Des Moines, Iowa]
Death Date:	19 Apr 1998
Father:	Harry E Brulport
Mother:	Bessie M Voiles
SSN:	344125103
Notes:	Oct 1940: Name listed as MARIE ANNETTEE WALLIS; Oct 1941: Name listed as MARIE ANNETTE BOOTH; Mar 1949: Name listed as MARIE ANNETTE WEST; Jan 1967: Name listed as MARIE ANNETTE LARSEN; 23 Jun 1998: Name listed as MARIE A LARSEN

Social Security record of Marie Annette Brulport [Wallis] Booth West Larsen - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/43260120:60901>

**WALLIS, MRS. MARIE B.
(NEE: VOILES)**

Racine

Passed away Wednesday, October 6, 1993, at the Racine Community Care Center, at the age of 90 years. She was born in Iowa on May 27, 1903, to Myron and Hattie (nee: McCall) Voiles. In 1935 in Illinois, Marie was united in marriage to Charles Wallis. She was a past member of the Kenosha Ladies of the Moose. Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Marie (Chuck) Larsen of Racine; 12 grandchildren, Chris (Myra) Larsen, Charles, Steven (Barb), Harry, Danny, Kathy, Jack, Joan, Connie, Judy, Tom, and Leanne Brulport; 20 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Rilla Dowdal and Effie Crawford both of Winthrop Harbor, Ill. Also surviving are nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Wallis in 1978 and one son, Harry Brulport in 1980. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 9, 1993, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Fr. Leon Schneider officiating. Friends may call Saturday morning at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will be at Sunset Ridge Memorial Park, Kenosha, Wis.

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Obituary of Bessie Marie Voiles Brulport Wallis – "Racine (WI) Journal Times" 8 Oct 1993 p 14

Siblings:



Sibling #1 Edward Robert Larson & wife Alma Marie Knutson – Find A Grave 11238812

Mrs. Carl Backeberg

Mrs. Carl H. Backeberg, 63, of 2213 Center ave., died Tuesday (May 18, 1965) in a Madison hospital after a long illness.

Born in Barron county, she had been a Madison resident for the last 30 years. She was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. William F. Ludwig, 1721 Sheridan dr.; two sisters, Mrs. Enoch Alnes and Mrs. Carl Alnes; and two brothers, Clarence and Lester Larson, all of Rice Lake; and two grandchildren.

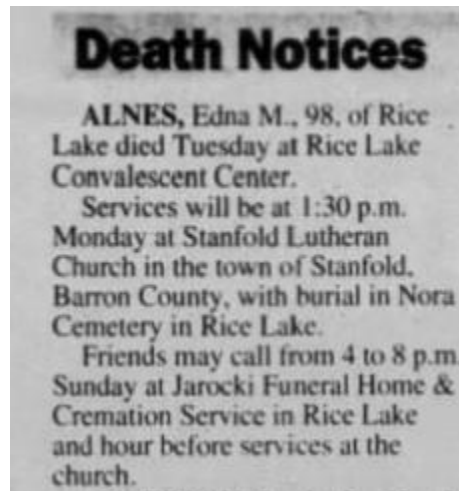
The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Gunderson funeral home, 5203 Monona dr. The Rev. C. H. Fylling, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church, will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. today. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Park.

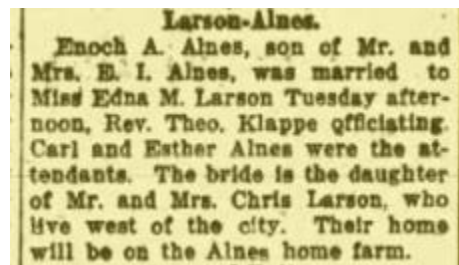
Sibling #3 – obituary of sister Dagney Nicoline Larson Backeberg – “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Wednesday 19 May 1965 p 35



Sibling #3 – Dagney Nicoline Larson - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/9611270/person/243765380/gallery>



Sibling #5 – obituary of sister Edna L. Larson Alnes – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Thursday 11 Oct 2001 p 14



Marriage of sister Edna Margaret Larson to Enoch Alnes – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Saturday 25 Nov 1922 p 7



Sister Edna Margaret Larson & husband Enoch Martinus Alnes -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/9611270/person/243765384/media/9d8075f8-f1d1-4d6b-a00a-612e09db240f>

ALNES, Elsie D., 90, of Rice Lake died Sunday at her home.
 Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Stanford Lutheran Church, town of Stanford, with burial in Nora Cemetery, Rice Lake.
 Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Jarocki Funeral Home, Rice Lake, and an hour before services Friday at the church.

BEST, June E., 85, of Boyceville died Monday at Myrtle Werth Medical Center in Menomonie.
 Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Boyceville, with spring burial in Mound Cemetery in Downing.
 Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Everts Funeral Home in Glenwood City and an hour before services Thursday at the church.

Sibling #6 – obituary of Elsie Dorthea Larson Alnes – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Tuesday 5 Mar 1996 p 10

Teachers need to explain more effectively what they do in the classroom, Dr. David L. Bowman, director of Teacher education and placement at Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh, declared in his talk to the July graduation class at State College here Thursday night.

STUDENTS WHO received bachelor of science in education degrees were Elsie Larson Alnes, Rice Lake; Marlon O'Brien Bement, Eau Claire; Eunice Webb Berg, Shawano; Rita A. Berge, Glen Flora; Emma Bihlmayer, Ladysmith; Anne D. Borovoy and Rosemary Ann Carbon, Eau Claire; Sylvia Evans Christopherson, Elk Mound; Adaline L. F. Claflin, Pepin; Geneva A. Cotton, Chippewa Falls; Dorene M. Diamond, Cornell; David W. Dierauer, Menomonie;

Elsie Larson Alnes graduates from Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh WI - "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Friday 24 Jul 1959 p 3

To be returned to the Clerk of the District Court within fifteen days after Marriage

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE 498- 399 5768

To the Clerk of the District Court of Iowa, in and for Worth County.

THIS CERTIFIES, That on the 7 day of Aug, 1937
 at Northwood Ia in said County, according to law
 and by authority, I duly

JOINED IN MARRIAGE

Mr. Clarence J. Larson and M. Cleora M. Miller
 Given under my hand this 7 day of Aug, 1937
[Signature]

IOWA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
RETURN OF A MARRIAGE TO THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

1. By whom affidavit, if any, is made. <u>Leland Larson</u>	14. Bride's maiden name if a widow
2. By whom consent of marriage is given	15. Bride's place of residence <u>Albert Lea Minn</u>
3. Full name of GROOM <u>Clarence J. Larson</u>	16. Bride's age next birthday <u>19</u> 17. Color <u>white</u>
4. Place of residence <u>Albert Lea, Minn</u>	18. Race <u>Can</u> 19. No. of bride's marriage <u>1st time</u>
5. Occupation <u>Welder</u>	20. Bride's place of birth <u>Rigelake, Wis</u>
6. Groom's age next birthday <u>30</u> 7. Color <u>white</u>	21. Bride's Father's full name <u>Chas. Miller</u>
8. Race <u>Can</u> 9. Number of Groom's marriage <u>1st time</u>	22. Bride's Mother's full maiden name <u>Louis Buscher</u>
10. Groom's place of birth <u>Rigelake, Wis</u>	23. Where and when married <u>Northwood Ia. 8-7-37</u>
11. Groom's Father's name <u>Chas. Larson</u>	24. Witnesses <u>Leland Larson</u> <u>Mrs. L. J. Spieker</u>
12. Groom's Mother's full maiden name <u>Christine Larson</u>	25. By whom married, name and office <u>[Signature] Minister</u>
13. Full name of BRIDE <u>Cleora M. Miller</u>	

N. B.—At Nos. 9 and 19 state whether 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc., marriage of each. At 24 give names of subscribing witnesses to the Marriage Certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony. No. 23 refers to the present contracting parties.

We hereby certify that the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Clarence J. Larson (Groom)
Cleora Miller (Bride)

I hereby certify that the above is a correct return of a marriage solemnized by me.

Dated at Northwood Ia
 this 7 day of Aug, 1937 [Signature]

Sibling #7 – marriage of brother Clarence Jens Larson to Cleora Miller -

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Brother Clarence Jens Larson - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/9611270/person/243765394/media/b75afbf5-9fe2-48d9-ad8c-e78d998b8f06>



Siblings #6 & #8 – Lester Larson & Elsie Dorteia Larsen Alnes – at Stanfold Lutheran Church -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/9611270/person/25568137568/media/b3143a55-69c8-48de-80ce-ded619065335>

Shades *of* GRAY

Lester Larson leads a solitary bachelor life on the farm of his boyhood. Chester and Mildred Petersen live amid the happy chaos of nearby family.

The lifestyle of these octogenarians may contrast, but they've all found their own brand of contentment.



Staff photo by Chuck Rupnow

By Chuck Rupnow
Leader-Telegram staff

RICE LAKE — Lester Larson gets up at 4 a.m. each day, does farm chores and yard work, and never gets interrupted by a phone call. By 7 p.m. he's called it a day. For this 85-year-old man, there's the anticipation, the anxiety of facing another day.

While Larson enjoys the solitude and relative peacefulness of bachelor life, a short distance away Mildred and Chester Petersen revel in the hectic activities

associated with 60 years of marriage and many nearby relatives.

Despite their different lifestyles, Larson and the Petersens are similar in age and attitudes toward life.

"I take each day at a time," said Larson, who lives a few miles west of Rice Lake. "I've been pretty fortunate to live as long as I have. You have to be thankful for that and all the memories. Now, you just look forward to getting up the next day."

Larson lives just down the road from his 92-year-old sister, Edna Ulness, who also lives alone and gets daily visits from relatives and friends.

"I don't have to do anything I don't

want to do," Larson said from the small farm he's always called home. "I'm my own boss and I like it that way."

Larson's eyes sparkle when he talks about the years he worked the fields, milked the cows and watched "progress" slowly invade his area of Barron County.

His father, Chris Larson, bought 40 acres of land in 1891 and years later purchased another 40 across the road. The elder Larson and his wife had eight children, including Lester. Chris Larson died when Lester was 14, putting the teenager in charge of a 20-head dairy farm.

"They used to haul water from the creek way back on the 40," Lester said, pointing past the barn that's been idle

since he sold the cows 18 years ago. "I remember when they started grinding the road over there," he said, referring to Highway 48.

"You could have bought a car with what you pay now on taxes on a car," he said when asked about major changes he's witnessed over the years. "You could buy a gallon of gas for less than you pay now in taxes on that gallon."

Larson admits his life has been, and will continue to be, centered on the farm until he no longer has that option.

"That's the way the house looked when my parents came; it was just a log shack," he said with pride.

The walls of Larson's home have few

decorations other than various photos of the farm and the magnificent individual photos of his parents.

"I was born on this farm, in fact, all eight of us were born here," Larson said, followed by a smile. "We didn't need a lot of fancy stuff to get by. Everybody did their work and did what was necessary to survive. It was tough, but it's something I wouldn't change."

Larson tells about stack threshing, surviving the Depression and watching technology accelerate the world around him.

"Things are always changing. It seems

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Couple values health, family

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though now they're sometimes changing a little too much too fast," he said. "It's kind of scary, but I do what I like to do and the way I like to do it; that won't change."

Larson is up by 4 a.m. and by 5:30 he's washed up, made his bed and had breakfast. He's then off to help feed calves at the neighboring farm, cut wood, mow the lawn or work in his garden.

"At my age, you do what you like to do, or can do, as long as you can do it," Larson said. "I'm not worried about getting old because I am old; you just try not to pay attention to it."

Larson, who had his neck broken in 1974 when a hay bale fell on him, admits his age played a part in exiting the dairy industry.

"I started to get a little scared around the cows and I knew I wasn't as good as I had been in handling them," he said. "I was just smart enough to realize it."

Larson said he's not concerned about living alone, nor adding to that seclusion by not having a telephone.

"I don't have the time to be bothered by the phone," he said. "If I need something, I just go and get it. I just don't need the bother of a phone."

"I know I'm living on borrowed time, but I don't even think about that," he said. "I'll worry about what to do or where to go when the time comes."

Myra Petersen, niece of Lester Larson and daughter-in-law to Mildred and Chester Petersen, admits relatives would like Larson to have a phone.

"He's very self-sufficient so far, but you always wonder," Myra said. "A couple of us try and stop in by him as often as we can, but it would be a lot easier to call and find out. Neighbors and friends watch out for him."

"As long as he's healthy, he'll be at that farm," she said. "I hope nobody ever has to make decisions for him, but nothing stays the same. Right now, we're just letting the good Lord look out for him."

Unless, Myra's mother, lives alone in her house despite using a walker and cane.

"Somebody stops in there every day to check on her," Myra said. "We're not urging her to move out at all. She's happy where she is and as long as she can do it, it's fine with us. I think the trauma of moving would be difficult for her."

Mildred, 81, and Chester Petersen, 86, say they are too busy to consider ramifications of their ages.

"We have our work here, the garden and everything, and then trying to keep track of all the kids and grandchildren," Mildred said. "We've never worried about our age. As long as we feel good, whatever we do will be okay."

Chester headed the family's dairy farm operation until selling the cows in 1972 and renting out the land. The change has freed up time to do a small amount of traveling, but more importantly, to concentrate on family events.

"Health and family; those are the two most important things a person can have," he said. "We have been very fortunate in both areas."

The Petersens admit they are involved in a unique situation, where all but one close relative lives within an hour of them.

"We've been able to pass down our heritage," Mildred said. "Many things change in this world, but a good close relationship with your family is very important. We've been pretty lucky to be a part of their lives."

The Petersens have eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. They also have a son named Richard Petersen and a son-in-law named Richard Peterson.

"We always know we have support and people around when we need them, people who care about us," Mildred said. "We don't worry about age or what will happen in the future. There will be plenty of support here for us whenever we need it."

For now, the Petersens are content to work in their large garden, do household chores and keep track of family events.

"I think if you talk about getting old and think about it, you don't get anything done," Chester said. "You do what you can, the best you can, for as long as you can. That's life."

Sibling #8 – Lester Christ Larson, article includes photograph of Mildred & Chester Peterson – "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Sunday 10 Nov 1966 p 5F, continued on p 8 F (p 61 & p 64 on Newspapers.com -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/361473349/?terms=%22lester%20larson%22%20bachelor&match=1>

Name: Hans Christopher Larsen

Name variations: his parents & some siblings spelled the surname LARSON – he sailed on Tuscania as LARSON – also found as Hans Christ – baptized as Hans Christoffer Larsen. The Danish spelling would have been LARSEN.

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. E - private

Serial number: 251,242

Entered service from: Rice Lake, Barron WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Hans Christ LARSON

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Christ Larson, Rice Lake WI

Returned from war on: "Winifredian" Apr 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Hans C. LARSON

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Christ Larson, Rice Lake WI (PFC, Co. F, 101st Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Hans Christopher Larsen – b. 8 Aug 1898 Rice Lake WI; res: 601 Dodge St., Lake Geneva, Walworth WI. NOK Florence Larsen, same address. Employed by Wisconsin Telephone Co., Milwaukee WI at Broad St., Lake Geneva, Walworth WI. Height: 5'9" – weight: 150 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Hans Christ LARSON

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917

Discharged 26 Apr 1919

Address: Rice Lake WI

Rank/unit: private 1st class, Co. F, 101st Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 8 Aug 1899 Rice Lake, Barron WI

Died: 1 May 1964 Racine, Racine Co. WI (St. Mary's Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 163081259 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Caledonia, Racine WI

Cemetery: Holy Cross Catholic

Tombstone: buried as LARSEN

Father: Christ Larson, 29 Sep 1867 Leland, Denmark [also found as Loland – is this Lolland?] – 1 Apr 1926 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN (in St. Barnabas Hospital). Son of Christopher Larsen & Margrete Rasmusdatter. Emigrated in 1883 to Ludington MI, where he worked as a fisherman & sailor on Lake Michigan. In 1891 moved to Rice Lake, Barron WI; worked at the Rice Lake Lumber Co. & Knapp, Stout Co. In 1896 he bought the farm he owned at the time of his death. Buried in Nora Cemetery, Rice Lake, Barron WI.

Find A Grave: 104079406

Mother: Christina Hanson/Hansen Larson, 20 Jan 1870 [obituary says 1871] Oruph, Denmark – 1957 Rice Lake, Barron WI (at the home of Elmer Mork). Daughter of Hans & Ella C. Hanson, Buried in Nora Cemetery, Rice Lake, Barron WI.

Find A Grave: 46153540

Parents' marriage: 4 Dec 1892 at Camp Douglas WI (according to obituary) or Cumberland, Barron WI (according to official records)

Spouse: Florence A. Rudolph Larsen, 5 Jun 1897 Norwalk, Monroe WI – 12 Nov 1991 Racine, Racine WI (Racine Community Care Center). Daughter of Charles Rudolph & Anna (Louisa?) Sacher. Buried in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Caledonia, Racine WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 163081598

Marriage: 1926 St. Mary's Catholic Church on the Ridge, Norwalk, Monroe WI

Children: they died 7 days apart.

- Jeanne (Jean) Louise Larsen Moorman, 22 Sep 1927 WI – 4 Jun 2007 Baldwin Park, Los Angeles CA. Wife of Richard Harry Moorman Jr. (5 Dec 1926 WI – 22 Sep 2013, F: 159942245) whom she married 15 Oct 1954 in Los Angeles Co. CA. He was the son of Harry Moorman & Mary Siepler. Jeanne & Richard divorced in Sep 1974 in Los Angeles Co. CA. Lived in Racine WI in Feb 1958 & in Baldwin Park CA in May 1964.
- Charles Christopher Larsen, 15 Feb 1930 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 11 Jun 2007 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Graduate of Washington Park High School. Served in the US Army in the Korean War. Married Marie Annette Brulport [Wallis] Booth West (1923-1998, F: 163062074) at St. Therese Catholic Church, Kenosha, Kenosha WI on 12 Jun 1965. Marie was the daughter of Harry E. Brulport (1897-1953, F: 16324745) & Bessie Marie Voiles Brulport Wallis. Her mother had remarried in 1935 in L, to Charles Wallis. Social Security notes that Marie's surname was Wallis in Oct 1940. It became Booth in Oct 1941 & West in Mar 1949. – Charles had worked for Massey-Harris, American Motors, Modine & Walker Manufacturing, retiring from Perlick Corp. in 1992. Died at the Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Administration Medical Center. – Charles is buried in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Caledonia, Racine WI. F: 19904216

Siblings: Hans was the 3rd of 8 children.

- Edward Robert Larson, 15 Feb 1893 Stanfold, Barron WI (on WWI draft card says he is born in Merrill WI, on WWII card born in Rice Lake WI) – 2 Nov 1957 Rice Lake, Barron WI. Married 9 Dec 1913 in Barron Co. WI to Alma Marie Knutson (1891-1991, F: 11238812). Buried in Diamond Lake Cemetery, Diamond Lake, Lake Co. IL. F: 11238820
- Dagney Kathia Larson, 10 May 1895 Rice Lake, Barron WI – 28 Jul 1900 Stanfold, Barron WI. Buried in Nora Cemetery, Rice Lake, Barron WI. F: 46153585
- Dagney Nicoline Larson Frasier Backeberg, 23 May 1901 Barron Co. WI – 18 May 1965 Madison, Dane WI. Wife of Lee Edward Frasier (23 Dec 1894 Rice Lake, Barron WI – 28 Jun 1971 Grand Rapids, Itasca MN, F: 41593991). Dagney & Lee had a daughter, Pearl Dorothy Frasier (27 Feb 1921 Rice Lake, Barron WI – 18 Dec 1997 Madison, Dane WI), who married William F. Ludwig (Sr.) (1916-2003) on 19 Apr 1943 in Madison, Dane WI. -Dagney was the wife of Carl H. Backeberg (1889-1969, F: 132389044). Resident of Marenisco MI in 1926 & Madison WI in May 1964. Died of cancer. Buried in Roselawn Memorial Park, Monona, Dane WI. F: 132389045
- Edna Margaret Larson Alnes, 3 Oct 1903 Rice Lake, Barron Co. WI – 9 Oct 2001 Rice Lake, Barron WI. Wife of Enoch Martinus Alnes (1897-1988, F: 114555383), the son of Elias I. Alnes & Mina S. Michaelson & the brother of Edna's sister Elsie's husband Carl Alnes. Edna & Enoch married 21 Nov 1922 in Stanfold, Barron WI. Buried in Nora Cemetery, Rice Lake, Barron WI. F: 114526760
- Elsie Dortehea Larsen Alnes, 8 Feb 1906 Stanford, Barron WI – 3 Mar 1996 Rice Lake, Barron WI. Wife of Carl Ingval Alnes (1896-1966, F: 80393443) whom she married in 1931. Carl was

the son of Elias I. Alnes & Mina S. Michaelson & the brother of Enoch Alnes, who married Elsie's sister Edna. Elsie graduates from Barron County (WI) Normal School in Jun 1952 ("Eau Claire Leader-Telegram" Tuesday 3 Jun 1952 p 2). Elsie graduates from WI State College, Oshkosh WI in 1959. Buried in Nora Cemetery, Rice Lake, Barron WI. F: 80393746

- Clarence Jens Larson, 29 May 1908 Rice Lake, Barron WI – 1 Feb 1972 Rice Lake, Barron WI. Married on 7 Aug 1937 in Northwood, Worth IA to Cleora Mary Miller (1918-2010, F: 62311837). Cleora was the daughter of Charles Miller & Louise Derocher. Clarence & Cleora lived in Albert Lea MN for several years before moving to Portland OR where Cleora worked in the shipyards in WWII as a welder. They then returned to the Rice Lake WI area & farmed on Swede Road in Stanford Township, Barron WI for 12 years. Buried in Nora Cemetery, Rice Lake, Barron WI. F: 122881942
- Lester Christ Larson, 1 May 1911 Rice Lake, Barron WI – 1998. Buried in Nora Cemetery, Rice Lake, Barron WI. F: 46153650

Notes:

Pre-war:

Hans Christoffer Larsen, born 8 Aug 1899, baptized 13 Apr 1900 at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rice Lake WI. Son of Christian Larsen & Christine Hansen.

Wartime:

"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" 8 Feb 1918 p 7 – Hans C. Larson, private, Rice Lake WI, was on board Tuscania

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – Hans C. Larson of Rice Lake WI is among those not yet listed as a survivor. Headline: "Trempealeau County Boys Among Probable Dead"

"Shreveport (LA) Times" 20 Feb 1918 p 1 – after the Associated Press checked records against War Department ones, additional survivors were found, among them Hans Christ Larsen of Rice Lake WI.

Post-war:

His daughter Jean Larsen Moorman died 4 Jun 2007. His son Charles C. Larsen died 11 Jun 2007.

Obituary:

"Racine Journal Times" 2 May 1964 p 9 & 1 May 1964 p 23 - as Hans C. Larsen, 3805 N. Green Bay Rd., Racine WI, age 64, b. Rice Lake WI 8 Aug 1899. WWI veteran. For 38 years was an installer-repairman with WI Telephone Co., retired 1962. Survived by wife Florence (Rudolph), son, daughter, 3 sisters, 2 brothers. Lifetime member of (Pioneers) Bell Telephone CO. Funeral 4 May 1964. [Copied above]

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Stanfold, Barron WI

Christ LARSON, 32 Denmark, Sep 1867, parents b. Denmark, married 8 years, emigrated 1883, in US for 17 years, papers filed, day laborer

Cristina, 29 Denmark, Jan 1871, parents b. Denmark, emigrated 1890, in US for 10 years, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Edey, 7 WI, Feb 1893

Dahny, 5 WI, May 1895

Hance, 7 mo WI, Aug 1899

& mother Magrite Larson, 66 Denmark, Mar 1834, parents b. Denmark, widow, emigrated 1887, in US for 11 years

1905 WI state census – Stanfold, Barron WI

Christ Larson, 37 Denmark, parents b. Denmark, farmer

Christine, 34 Denmark, parents b. Denmark

Eddie, 12 WI

Hans, 6 WI

Dagnie, 4 WI

Edna, 1 WI

1910 Stanfold, Barron WI

Christ LARSON, 42 Denmark, parents b. Denmark, married 19 years, emigrated 1884, naturalized, in 1st marriage, farmer, general farm

Kristine, 40 Denmark, parents b. Denmark, in 1st marriage, emigrated 1890, gave birth to 7 children, 6 are living, housewife

Edward, 17 WI, laborer, work o7ut

Hans, 10 WI

Dagny, 9 WI

Edna, 7 WI

Elsie, 5 WI

Clarence, 1 WI

1920 Rice Lake, Barron WI – Hattin Ave.

Hans LARSON, 20 WI, parents b. Denmark, single, laborer, excelsior mill, boarder with:

Charles & Anna Laragaard, their 3 children & another boarder

1930 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 52 – 30th St. – conducted 11 Apr 1930

Hans Larsen, 30 WI, parents b. Denmark, age 26 at 1st marriage, lineman, telephone, a veteran: no. [but no one on this page says he's a veteran, which seems suspicious]

Florence, 30 WI, parents b. Germany, age 26 at 1st marriage

Jeanne, 2 years 7 months WI

Charles 2 months WI

1940 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI – residents of Milwaukee WI in 1935

Hans Larsen, 40 WI, lineman, telephone

Florence, 42 WI

Jeanne, 12 WI

Charles, 10 WI