Arland "Arkie" Hansen on April 14, 1944, in Cub River, Idaho. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan Temple. Lera was always a hard worker and she was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served a mission to Birmingham, Ala., from 1999 to 2000, where she made many lasting friendships. She has always been very easy to get along with and made friends everywhere. She enjoyed handiwork as well and liked reading, quilting, gardening and canning. Her greatest blessings are her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children Kenn (Linda) Hansen of Cub River, Idaho; Bob (Carlee) Hansen, of Preston; Ed (Ann) Hansen, of Preston; Verl (Julie) Hansen, of Preston; and Louise (Steve) Somsen, of Wayan, Idaho; 20 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and 48 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Arkie, and a granddaughter, Cindy Harris. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.webbmortuary.com. Published in Logan Herald Journal on July 14, 2013

# VISIT FROM AMERIKA: KEN FOWLER [5849] AND JEANIE SOMSEN [773]



f.l.t.r. Ken Fowler [5849], Jeanie Somsen [773], Aukje v.d. Voogd and Theo Somsen [227] at the tenniscourt in Vaassen



f.l.t.r.: Hanna Somsen [392], Ken Fowler [5849], Yvonne Reijs-Edel [3926], Theo Somsen [227], Jeanie Somsen [773]. Dinner at Johan's home in Epe



f.l.t.r.:Theo Somsen [227], Jeanie Somsen [773], Hanna Somsen [392], Johan Somsen [1089] at Johan's home in Epe



f.l.t.r.: Yvonne Reijs-Edel [3926], Jeanie Somsen [773], Johan Somsen [1089], Ken Fowler [5849] in the Kröller-Müller museum in Hoenderlo.

## Born:

18-08-2013: Amante Juliana Johanna (Amante) [7709] d.o. Albertus Reinier van Roekel [2852] and Lissa Carine van Roekel [5074]



No entries

### Deceased:

24-07-2011: Mildred Pauline (Polly) Bear [3506], 72, Grantsburg, WI. USA 12-04-2013: David A. (Dave) Voskuil [7701], 73, Green Bay, WI. USA 12-07-2013: Lera Louise Burbank [7708], 87, Preston, MN. USE

02-11-2013: Leith Ray Somsen [900], 87, Soda Springs, ID. USA







Amante [7709]







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Ken Fowler [5849] ] in action during an exciting match between an American and a Dutch double team.

Somsen Newsletter 10 will be published in February 2014, send in copy before January 15, 2014.

### **SOMSEN NEWSLETTER 9**

# Message of our chairman



Johan Somsen [1089]

I am glad to announce the last Somsen publication in this year. It is again the 9th Somsen Newsletter and we rejoice at having received enough copy for the past few months. Therefore some articles will be placed in future publications. But still you are more than welcome to hand in articles, newspaper reports or other stories relating to our family. It is also fine if you only give us the story so that we make a report for our publications. And, of course, we appreciate receiving photos as well. We are always very happy with it.

For a matter of fact, do you ever visit our website from time to time? (**www.somsen.org**). It is always exciting to poke around in the family genealogy and moreover, all old magazines and newsletters are easily accessible.

In this newsletter you will get acquainted with a new member of our board: Peter Somsen. Furthermore we had a few old friends visiting us from the USA: Jeanie Somsen and Ken Fowler.

And don't forget to order the new Somsen Calendar.

About all of this and much more you can read in this newsletter and I wish you happy reading.

## **NEW BOARD MEMBER**

by Johan Somsen [1089]

In the New Year there will be some changes in our board. Our current treasurer, Jan van Daatselaar [679], had announced well in advance that he was going to take leave of us and in the board meeting in January 2014 he will transfer the baton to his successor Berto Somsen [423]. We will pay more attention to this.

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This created the need to supplement our board with a new member and I am very happy to introduce you to Peter Somsen [247].

Together with Oscar [2040] and Berto, Peter forms the youthful section in our board. They are all three around 50 and that offers promising prospects for the survival of our family foundation.

Peter was born in Amersfoort but raised in Gorinchem. After high school he received training as an F-16 pilot with the Royal Air Force. During his training as a jet pilot he also

Peter Somsen [247]

lived in Canada for two years. After having flown the F-16 for a long time he exchanged this aircraft for the big birds of KLM where he is still flying as a captain.

Last year he and his wife Ingrid settled in a beautiful place in the Achterhoek in the outskirts of Vorden and now the remodelling of their home is nearly finished he is glad to strengthen our board. He also has administrative experience; he was president of the Dutch Motorcycle Association. In his spare time he can also be found in the fields with a metal detector because he is an avid collector of archaeological finds.

I am very pleased to welcome Peter in our board and I hope that he will feel completely at home as a true Somsen.

# WANTED!

Who are the parents of Mathew Somsen, the little boy on the bridal picture of Sterling Sean Somsen [2527] and Cherie Lee [5884], taken in July 2004 in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, USA.

Please forward your response, preferably with contact details of parents and Mathew, to: Dick J. Somsen [130]

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### Somsen Calendar 2014

For the very second year the Somsen Foundation is producing a family calendar. Twelve months with pictures and details about our family and its history. The calendar will be printed in A5 and will look good on your desk. And of course it will be a nice way to remember holidays in the Netherlands and the US. It can be ordered for \$ 10. But, if you combine it with your donation for 2014 the price is only half.



To order this beautiful calendar pay \$ 10 (or \$ 5 + your donation) either

by using PayPal on our website (www.somsen.org) or to our financial contact:

Stephen D. Somsen [2459], 47231 East Fir Street, P.O. Box 526 Darrington, WA, 98241 USA, tel.: 001 562 430 0079, e-mail: ssomsen@aol.com).

# FROM OUR TREASURER

Dear supporter,

We do like to receive your yearly dues so as to be able to continue our work for the Somsen Foundation.

For the sake of convenience we would like to encourage payments by PayPal. You can find the PayPal button on our website: **www.somsen.org** – click "donations" in the menu – then click button "Donate" – then fill in the form and the amount. There are no extra expenses for you. For those who have no computer and therefore cannot pay by PayPal: please send their check to:

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The minimum amount is \$20,--. We appreciate a higher donation very much. Would you please mention your P number when paying? You can find it on the address sticker of the newsletter.

Many thanks, Jan van Daatselaar [679], treasurer

# FAMILY BARBECUE in IJzerlo on Saturday, August 24, 2013

by Harry Somsen [146]

As of Friday afternoon the first guests had already arrived on the campsite The Hoftijzer and at the beginning of Saturday evening more Somsens arrived to take part in the BBQ and, of course, also to meet other Somsens again. Unfortunately our loyal visitor Emma was no longer there.

Wim Somsen, together with Rudolf Brunsveld, had again taken good care of enough food and drink for the participants for a friendly price. The board had indicated that a minimum of 25 persons had to register before August 15 and also this year there were more than enough visitors.

We refrained from visiting the Somsentree at the Japikshuis this year since the number of visitors there had grown smaller and smaller over the past few years. Maybe for the next year a combination can be made. We could,



Johan Somsen starts the BBQ

for example, go to the tree on Saturday afternoon at 5.30 and subsequently to the BBQ. We would appreciate it if you communicated your ideas and wishes on this matter to the board.

# LERA BURBANK HANSEN (1926 - 2013)

Lera Louise Burbank Hansen, 87, passed away Friday, July 12, 2013, at the Franklin County Medical Center in Preston, surrounded by her family. She was born June 15, 1926, in Cherryville, Idaho, to George Gardener and Violet Chatterton Burbank. She married James

