

Ronald Larsen Papers

Collection Summary

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Title:	Ronald Larsen Papers
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Abstract

Ronald “Ron” Larsen (1946–2019) was a South Dakota resident, educator, agricultural advocate, and political candidate. A graduate of South Dakota State University, Larsen was active in civic and agricultural issues during the 1980s and later became the Democratic nominee for the South Dakota State Senate in District 6 in 2004.

This collection documents Larsen’s public activities from 1983 to 2004. Materials include correspondence, donation letters, newspaper clippings, legislative and campaign records, proclamations, and campaign ephemera. A significant portion relates to the “Give-A-Buck” initiative (1983–1991), as well as agricultural advocacy efforts such as “Faith in Farming” and participation in the 1985 National Crisis Action Rally. The collection also contains State

Senate campaign materials, nominations and declarations, legislative correspondence, and items associated with Larsen's campaign activities.

Biography

Ronald "Ron" Larsen (May 15, 1946 – January 1, 2019) was a South Dakota resident and political candidate.

Larsen was born in 1946 and attended high school in Webster, South Dakota. He later attended South Dakota State University on a football scholarship and graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. In the mid-1970s, he served briefly as a defensive line coach at South Dakota State University.

In 2004, Larsen was the Democratic nominee for the South Dakota State Senate in District 6. He was defeated in the general election.

Ron Larsen died on January 1, 2019, at the age of 72.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of materials documenting the civic, agricultural advocacy, and political activities of Ron Larsen from 1983 to 2004. Records include correspondence, donation letters, newspaper clippings, legislative materials, campaign documents, proclamations, and related ephemera.

A significant portion of the collection pertains to the "Give-A-Buck" initiative (1983–1991), including fundraising letters and publicity materials. Additional records document participation in the 1985 National Crisis Action Rally and agricultural advocacy efforts such as "Faith in Farming" and the 1987 Faith in Farming Sunday executive proclamation.

Political materials include campaign and Senate-related records (1983–1987), nominations and declarations (1986–1987), and campaign materials spanning 1986–2004. The collection also contains items related to the Hetland American Legion Scholarship Program (1997). Campaign artifacts include signage and promotional items associated with Larsen's State Senate campaign.

Access Points

Subjects

- Agriculture--Economic aspects
- Legislators

Names

- Larsen, Ron, 1946-2019

Places

- South Dakota

Genre

- Audiocassettes

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Container List

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	Give-A-Buck: Daschle photo	undated
1	2	Give-A-Buck: Donation letters	1985
1	3	Give-A-Buck: Newspaper clippings	1983-1985
1	4	Give-A-Buck: Letters (1 of 2)	1985-1991
1	5	Give-A-Buck: Letters (2 of 2)	1986
1	6	National Crisis Action Rally	1985

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	7	Every Empty Farm House (Has to Have a Story) "Just Another Family Farm"	1985
1	8	State Senate Campaign	1986-2004
1	9	Senate: Letters and legislation	1983-1987
1	10	Senate: Nominations and declarations	1986-1987
1	11	Hetland American Legion Scholarship Program	1997
1	12	Faith in Farming	1987
1	13	Faith in Farming Sunday: Executive Proclamation	1987
2	1	Campaign sign: Vote for Rom "Give A Buck" Larsen 8th District Senate	undated
2	2	Campaign: Give A Buck T-Shirt	undated
2	3	Campaign: Give A Buck Corsage	undated