



Marilyn L. Hanson

June 22, 1927 - March 17, 2016

Marilyn L. Hanson, 88, of Cedar Falls, died Thursday, March 17, 2016, at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo.

She was born June 22, 1927, in Hutchinson, Minnesota, daughter of Peter and Martha Jensen Juul. She married Roger Hanson, whom she knew from childhood, on August 13, 1950 in Hutchinson.

She attended Dana College for two years and then taught one-room school in Stahls Lake, Minn. for a year before returning to college and graduating from Mankato State. She taught 2nd grade in Lincoln Public Schools in Nebraska while Roger was a graduate student at University of Nebraska. She earned her Masters in Special Education from the University of Northern Iowa in the 1970s and taught special education at Dunkerton, Jesup, North Cedar and Hudson schools.

Roger and Marilyn took their family of three children to Denmark from 1966 to 1967, and returned home with four children. That fourth child, their daughter Mette, was baptized in Denmark in the same church where Marilyn's father had been baptized.

After retiring, she was active in the St. Paul Lutheran Quilting Group for decades, where the ladies produced and donated many thousands of quilts for Lutheran World Relief. She was a founding member of a group of walking women who were out exercising together rain, snow or shine.

Marilyn also worked doing research for the Danish American Archives and Library in Blair, Neb.

Roger's word to describe Marilyn was "adventurous." One of Marilyn's favorite quotes on a trip to Europe in 1989 was, "I wonder what today's surprise will be."

In 1989, Marilyn and Roger took one of their many trips – this time to Bosnia. Following this trip, they played host to an exchange student whose family they met and stayed with in Bosnia -- a young woman named Admirela. She stayed in the United States when the Yugoslavian civil war broke out and became their "Bosnian daughter."

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Roger; two daughters, Kathy (Darron) Knutson of New Brighton, MN, and Mette (Dan Murdoch) Hanson of Seattle, WA; two sons, Bruce (Stephanie) Hanson of Falcon Heights, MN, and Ralph (Pamela) Hanson of Kearney, NE; seven grandchildren: Will and John Hanson, Erik and Andrew Hanson, Jens, Niels and Anders Knutson; and two great grandsons, Gabriel and Henrik.

She was preceded in death by her two brothers, Russell and Harold Juul; and a sister, Doris Lund.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **20**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

MAR **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
2812 Willow Lane
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall

BD

“ roger and family i am so sorry to hear! i had done her hair for years and was a pleasure to serve her! god bless you and your family at this time!

barbara dix - March 22, 2016 at 03:52 PM

BB

“ Sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing, she was a giving and sincere person and our community is a better place because of her.

Barbara Brown - March 20, 2016 at 05:11 PM

BB

“ I was so sorry to read of Marilyn's/your mother's death. She was an awesome lady. I have fond memories of all our years together at St. Paul's. I am sure that Jon and Renae send their condolences also. Peace to all of you.
Bev (Olson) Bodine

Bev Bodine - March 20, 2016 at 09:39 AM

JH

“ Dear Roger,

I remember Marilyn best as she accompanied you, Roger, to annual UNI Emeritus Association luncheons. Always with a a smile and gentle voice. My deep sympathy to you and your family.

Judy Harrington

Judith Harrington - March 20, 2016 at 09:16 AM



“ *Fritz Hansen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marilyn L. Hanson.*



Fritz Hansen - March 19, 2016 at 04:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn L. Hanson.*



March 18, 2016 at 03:29 PM