



Charles S. Hanson

February 2, 1938 - December 30, 2016

Charles Hanson was born February 3, 1938 in Lisbon, North Dakota, the son of Elvin and Phoebe (Forward) Hanson. In May of 1956, Charles was in a car accident at the age of 18, which resulted of him being permanently disabled. He attended and graduated from Lisbon High School in the class of 1957. He trained at Helmer's Jewelry in Lisbon and through correspondence he obtained a watchmakers license. These skills were used at Wimmer's Jewelry, Fargo, ND, and his own repair shop in Enderlin and from 1960-1965 at Myhre Jewelry in Valley City.

In the fall of 1967, Charles attended Golden Valley Lutheran College (GVLC) in Golden Valley, MN for a year. While at GVLC he met Estelle Thompson and they were married on July 6, 1969 at Velva, ND. They made their home in Chaska, MN. His skills took him to Rosemont Engineering in Eden Prairie, MN, where he assembled temperature sensors for astronaut space suits that were used on the moon and worked there from 1968-1973.

In the fall of 1973, Charles and Estelle purchased Vic's Jewelry and renamed the business, The Jewel Box. Throughout the following years, there were various business locations and Charles renamed his business Hanson's Jewelry. He was able to add goldsmithing services to his business and worked there until he passed away.

Charles was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and served in many areas of the church. He was a longtime member of the Valley City Lions Club, holding many offices, including Deputy District Governor under Hadley

Seeklander. Charles served on many boards as an advocate for those with disabilities - Freedom Resource Centers, IPAT and the handicapped clubs in Fargo and Valley City. He was voted Outstanding Handicap Citizen in Valley City in 1986 and runner-up in the state competition. He was a member of the Eagles and Valley City Chamber of Commerce. Charles was a former member of the Valley City Jaycee's, Optimist Club and Gideon's International.

At the time of his death he was serving as President of the Sons of Norway Hjemdal Lodge #481 of Valley City.

He is survived by his wife, Estelle; a daughter, Sarah Pruett, Jamestown, ND; two sisters, Winnifred (Chester "Red") Brostrom, Fargo, ND; Kathleen Seavert, Maple Grove, MN; and three brothers, Duane (Jan) Hanson, Lisbon, ND, Robert (Judy) Hanson, New Brighton, MN and Donald Gilbert, Normal, IL. Charles was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Larry Seavert.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2414
o-nchapel@bektel.com

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

TR

“ *Dear Cousin Estelle,
We so much enjoyed getting your Christmas cards every year with a lovely photo of the two of you flanking your beautiful daughter. You were always a sweet little cousin whom I loved very much. My prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Cousin Tammy Dietrich Randolph*

Tamara Randolph - January 11, 2017 at 12:07 AM

JS

“ *Estelle and family,

I 'm so sorry to hear of Charles' passing. I didn't know he was president of the Sons of Norway so the organization must be active again here in Valley City. I know my parents, James and Anne Lade enjoyed being members of it .*

Blessings and comfort to you in the coming days.

Judy Stahl

Judy Stahl - January 06, 2017 at 08:18 AM

GT

“ *You have our sympathy, Estelle. We remember at the last all-class reunion parade in Lisbon when Charlie was riding his scooter alongside the class of '57 entry. He was waving and having a good time. Thoughts & prayers are with you.*

Galeyn & Marcey Thompson - January 05, 2017 at 09:42 PM

MA

“ Estelle, sorry I couldn't be there. May God bless you as you grieve, and Sarah too. Phillipians 4:13, "For I can do all things through Crist who gives me strength." ~Marie Beth Larson



Marie - January 05, 2017 at 01:26 PM



“ Estelle so sorry to hear about your husband passing away. God's comfort during these hard times. Dyan Miller (casa DE fe trip)

Dyan Miller - January 04, 2017 at 06:52 PM

LL

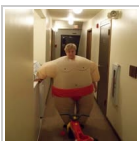
“ Estelle and family,
So sorry for your loss, a big loss to our community also, he always was jovial and made me feel special as he worked on my watches, etc. I will miss him. God Bless.
LaVonne E. Lawrence

LaVonne E. Lawrence - January 03, 2017 at 11:40 AM

LF

“ Chuck was such a very nice man. I enjoyed our short visits about small towns and where he came from. Just so personable. My sympathies to his family. Valley City lost a great businessman.

Liz Fick - January 02, 2017 at 08:31 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. I miss him going down the sidewalk on his scooter machine, My prayers and thoughts are with you and yours.

Corinne Wenzel - January 01, 2017 at 03:13 PM

LJ

“ Charles was the only one who knew how to fix chime clocks and he did it well.
My clock is quite old but keeps perfect time and runs very well.
Hopefully I won't need to ever have to have it checked and repaired as it is a family heirloom. Will miss uour friendly smile . Lorraine Jenson

L Jenson - January 01, 2017 at 02:21 PM

EN

“ My sympathy in the passing of Charles Hanson, he was a dedicated Sons of Norway member. I remember Charles and Estella at several Sons of Norway District Conventions.
I remember his gracious smile.
May the support of family and friends give his family comfort and the gift of memories he has left family and friend, be a comfort also..

*Fraternally,
Elaine Nelson
International Treasurer
Sons of Norway*

Elaine Nelson - January 01, 2017 at 02:13 PM

LO

So sorry for your loss. We will miss Charlie. God's blessings

Linda Olauson - January 02, 2017 at 08:02 AM

ET

Will miss him Dearly.Very good jeweler.Prayers to his family

Evey Trautmann - January 02, 2017 at 01:06 PM

KJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Chuck's passing! We bought our wedding rings from him and he has shined, repaired and taken care of my jewelry since. I will miss him and his friendly manner of doing business. Hugs to you Estelle! Kathy Jacobson

Kathy Jacobson - December 31, 2016 at 06:00 AM