



Basil Eugene Hansen

February 19, 1932 - March 1, 2014

Basil Eugene Hansen, 82, of Bismarck, ND, passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, March 1, 2014, after a head injury four months prior. He had recently become a resident and roommate of his wife at St. Vincent's Sanford Care Center in Bismarck, ND. A private family funeral was held at St Vincent's Care Center with his wife, children, and grandchildren. Cremation has taken place and a graveside service and memorial will be held in the spring at Sunnyslope Cemetery in Mott. Basil was born February 19, 1932, to Albert and Evelyn Rose Hansen on a farm near Bentley, ND. He attended country school for a short time, then Mott Public School graduating in 1950. He loved playing football and was proud of his fellow players and their undefeated season. He pursued business classes at colleges in both Wahpeton and Fargo. Basil enlisted in the army and served in the Korean Conflict in 1952-53. He was united in marriage to Geraldine Johnson on January 22, 1956. They lived in Bismarck where Basil worked for the railroad; and then in Moorhead, MN, where Basil was a product rep and grocery salesman working for his uncle, Basil Rose at BE Rose Brokerage. He introduced to the grocers of ND Rice-A-Roni, Ocean Spray Cranberry Juice and Tabby cat food. The opportunity to move his family to Mott came when Basil and Gerry purchased Borth's Clothing, renaming it Hansen's Clothing. Basil enjoyed owning numerous horses at several locations around the outskirts of Mott. Throughout his life, he had a love of cars, horses, old westerns and that cowboy era. In 1971, Basil expanded his business to

Dickinson with Hansen's Mens Wear on Sims Street. In 1978, he opened Hansen's Mens Wear in Bismarck, and later also Lady Hansen. Basil and Gerry moved to Bismarck in 1984, having closed the Mott location in 1980 and the Dickinson location in 1982. Currently their son, Barry and wife, Cheryl are the owners of Hansen's Mens Wear on East Interstate Ave in Bismarck, ND. Basil enjoyed his daily time helping out Barry at the store. He also kept himself busy stocking shelves in the early morning hours at Menards. When Basil and Gerry sold their home in Bismarck to downsize and start apartment life, Basil helped with management and maintenance of those. Basil will be remembered for his many generous acts of kindness and his quiet language of love. He was a hard worker and a gentle man with a big heart. Basil is survived by his wife, Geraldine, Bismarck, ND; his two sons, Barry Cheryl Hansen of Bismarck, ND, and David MaryJo Hansen of Fargo, ND; one daughter, Paula Larry Anderson of Regent, ND; eleven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters; Lila John Molbert of Hettinger, ND, and Rene Gilbert Hersrud of Coeur d'Alene, ID. Basil was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Hansen 1941 and Evelyn Gilbert 1992.

Tribute Wall

KS

“ Our hearts go out to the Hansen family. Please know that you are in our prayers. May GOD Bless all of you with Closeness and Love. Sincerely, Kristina, Elizabeth & Olivia Sheets Pinehurst, NC

Kristina Sheets - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ It will include Basil's family in my prayers. So sorry to hear about his passing. Basil and I were good friends in high school. I also knew Gerry, his wife very well. I even lived at Basil's house part of that time. His mother always fed us so well and tried to keep us out trouble. I left Mott and even North Dakota, so I never had the opportunity to meet any of the children. I know that Gerry is not well so we pray that God will look after her. Continued Prayers: Rich Glasser, Edmond, OK.

Richard Glasser - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Gerry, David, Barry and Family. My thoughts are with you all during this time and my deepest condolences to you all. May peace and love and the many fond memories of a sincerely kind Basil warm your hearts during this time of loss. Dan Fitzgerald Chicago, IL

Dan Fitzgerald - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My niece Missy said it well... We are all touched by the memories and comments being shared. My Dad cared deeply about all of you. It is truly his friends and family that carry us through the present, but it is the memories of lives shared that live on into the future. Thank you all very much. I miss you Dad!

David, son - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To Gerry, Barry, David, Paula, and families... My thoughts and prayers are with you. I have many fond memories of time spent with Uncle Basil on holidays and at family events. I remember well Basil and Gerry's home in Mott, and visits to the clothing stores in Mott, Dickinson, and Bismarck, where Basil would help me pick out clothes, and kindly let me know if something didn't fit quite right.

Steve Hersrud - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ It is so nice to read all these lovely comments about Grandpa. In the past few days I have learned of so many lives he touched that I didn't know about...but that was him, quietly caring for others.

Missy, the oldest grandchild - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the Basil Hansen family. I have known Basil since 1953.He was a good high school friend of Bob Zentner. Our families would get together when our children were small. I have pictures of Barry and David with my sons Mark and Perry taken at our house when they were just little tykes. Bob and I would always buy clothes at Basil's clothing store in Bismarck.

Lorraine and Lori Zentner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Gerry, Barry, David, Paula and Families,We are sorry to hear of Basil's death. He is a kind man. I enjoyed visiting with him about the markets, government, his family, and the Mott days. My parents knew him since his birth, and together we admired his work ethic, dry humor, and generosity. Our prayers are with you.

Doug and Vicky Friez - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ Basil, well to me he will always be remembered as a quiet, dedicated worker. He always exchanged pleasantries every morning and after our shifts at Menards. We have missed him very much in the hardware department. Basil was know for taking the smaller items like drill bits and screws, now when they are not stocked in a timely manor someone always reflects on how Basil would have already have put them in their place. Although he was quiet, Basil did reflect at times on his wife and family. He may have grumbled a little bit, but we all knew how important and how much love he had for his wife, children, and grandchildren. He had stories and would keep me updated on accomplishments from them. Basil has been missed and will continue to be missed by those of us who were lucky enough to have known him. I also have been quite fond of his smile, I really like the picture that the family has chosen to share with us. Basil was a very special man, I, like so many am grateful to have known him.

Hayley Akre - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Too the Basil Hansen family,I am so sorry to hear of Basil passing away. My thoughts and prayers are with you.I will always cherish the memories of the times that Basil would get outfits for my brother Lynn, Leo and me to wear when we had the Brackel Trio. He would come up with somevery unique outfits!May God blessâ?¡Darrell Brackel

Darrell Brackel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I would like to share my condolences with Basil's family. I worked for Basil at Lady Hansens and he was the best boss.

Marcella Knight - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We would like to share our condolences to the family of Basil. Dick and Basil were very close friends. Basil was a best man at our wedding. We were married in 1958. It is difficult to lose a friend. Dick and Annette Roberts, West Fargo, N.dak.

best friend - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ I am sorry to hear about your loss. Basil was a life long friend of my father, Bob. I had a good visit with Basil at my Dad's funeral service in November of 2010. My Dad and Basil had many things in common and enjoyed each other's company very much. I still remember the white dress shirts that my brother and I would receive as Christmas gifts when we were very young and Basil had his store in Mott. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mark Zentner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you folks. I worked with Basil at Menards. We started there about the same time. He was a very kind man and a very hard worker.

Dorvin Froseth - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. I work the night shift at Menards and every morning Basil came in to work, we always exchanged a Good morning! He was a pleasant person to work with!

Becky - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ To the immediate family and extended family of Basil Hansen: Our prayers and thoughts are with you in the passing of your Dad, Basil. He is in God's arms in our heavenly home. Reading about the life of Basil, he did many things in his life. He deeply cared about his family. He will be missed by all. Prayers and Hugs! Brent and Mary Roll and familyMott,ND

Brent and Mary Roll - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM