



Doris Hansen

December 9, 1918 - September 10, 2010

Doris Irene Mork Hansen, 91, died peacefully on September 10. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. at First Lutheran Church in Bismarck, with Pastor Allen Wagner officiating. Lunch will be served at noon. Internment will follow at Mandan Union Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thurs., Sept. 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Eastgate Funeral Service in Bismarck and one hour prior to the service at the church. Doris was born on Dec. 9, 1918 in Breien, North Dakota, the daughter of pioneer parents Andrew and Gudrun Oss Mork, immigrants from Norway. When she was eight years old, the family moved to Mandan and later to a farm north of Mandan, and she graduated from Mandan High School in 1936. Doris was employed by the telephone company in Mandan. Doris' father served in the North Dakota legislature in the Non-Partisan League. Doris married Vern Alverno Hansen in 1943, and they moved to Bismarck in 1946 where they lived for 64 years raising five children, until recently moving to a nursing home in Sauk Centre, MN to join Vern and to be near family. Having a keen interest in education, she worked for 22 years in the Bismarck School System as a librarian at three schools, sharing her love of reading with the students who loved her in return. Her community service extended to many organizations, including First Lutheran Church serving on the council and as librarian and Sunday School teacher, Sons of Norway as librarian, the North Dakota Heritage Center as a docent, and American Mothers, as a candidate for North Dakota Mother of the Year award. Doris is survived by her husband of 67 years, Vern; her sister

Genevieve Hathaway of Lacy, WA; two sons: Wayne Sara Hansen of Milwaukee WI and Glenn Paula Hansen of Hilo, Hawaii; three daughters: LaRayne Rich Betlach of Sauk Centre MN, Linda Kurt Falkman of Minneapolis MN, and Carla Larry Baczkowski of Detroit MI; one grandson Matthew Baczkowski, four granddaughters Holly Blondin, Jennifer Jeremy Lyons, Laura and Lisa Hansen and four great grandchildren Garrett and Reese Blondin, Vivian and Ian Lyons. Doris was preceded in death by her sister, Bernice Mork Kraft; and her brother, Andy Mork. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to: First Lutheran Church in Bismarck, North Dakota Heritage Center or the Celiac Association.

Tribute Wall

VE

“ I worked at Jeannette Myhre with Doris. She was always so helpful and kind. Our students and teachers loved her. You, her family, are in our thoughts and prayers.

Vonda Reed Evelo - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I first met Doris when visiting with Linda to spend time with her parents in Bismarck. I had shared a very small flat with Linda in London and met up with her again in Minnesota. Doris and Vern made me so very welcome and were so warm, kind and loving even adopting me as Daughter no 4. What a thrill that was and indeed still is. Oh how well I shall remember those oh so special hugs. Doris was always so interested in life and its possibilities and always found the time to share her knowledge and to help others. I feel truly very lucky and honoured to have known her and to love her.

Pat Hardy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Through my wife Pat, close friend of daughter Linda, son-in-law Kurt, and by extension many,many Hansens and Falkmans, I too have been taken into the heart of the great family that surrounds Doris and Vern....all this from far across the ocean. My meetings with Doris were thus all too few and far between, but, as with her brother Andy, I sit here in England in total awe of the lives of these extraordinary folk, first generation descendants of brave pioneer families. I will never forget the guided tour of the North Dakota Heritage Center, at the hands of dear Doris, even then of great age already. Our thoughts now turn to those she leaves behind, especially brave Vern, who journeys on without his beloved Doris.

John Hardy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My deepest sympathy to Doris' family. I am so honored to have had the privilege of knowing Doris and Vern. We met though the North Dakota American Mother's Association. She was a wonderful Christian lady and always added so much to our meetings. I know you have many wonderful memories of your mother as she always spoke so proudly of her family. May Jesus' love be with all of you.

marlene schriefer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ My deepest sympathy to all the family of Doris Hansen. She was a very nice lady. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Georgene Toman Volk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ I first met Doris in the 1930's. We went through highschool together and were in the same graduating class. She lived just north of us and I remember the great food her mother cooked and enjoyed having dinner with such great company.

Paul Zachmeier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I just have to say I have fond memories of Mrs. Hansen from Myhre. She was always so pleasant and loved to help the kids from the right book. I ran into her at the mall a few years back, I think she was there to see a grandchild perform during the holiday season. My mother was with me and she remembered us out of all of the people that went through the school. May she rest in peace.

Kirsten Gebhardt McIntyre - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM