



Debbie Jean Hanson

August 18, 1956 - December 29, 2025

Debbie Jean Hanson (née Kratochvil) of St. Anthony, MN, passed away at the age of 69 on December 29, 2025, at North Memorial Hospital.

Debbie was born in Park River, ND on August 18, 1956. Debbie grew up in rural Lankin, ND with her parents, Harold and Carol Kratochvil, and her six siblings: Toni, Kathy, James, Donald, Janice, and Michael. She married her husband of 50 years, Greg Hanson, on June 20, 1975, and moved to Argyle, MN where she was a beloved head school cook for Stephen-Argyle Elementary School. She loved music, singing, outdoors, camping, fishing, gardening, and birding. Her warm laugh and kind smile made everyone feel welcome and loved.

She was known for her strong, positive attitude as she battled numerous health issues for the last 17 years. Despite these circumstances, she still found the joy in life and brought that joy to others.

Debbie is survived by her husband, Greg, and her children, Kasey Hanson (C.J.) and Evan Hanson (Ellen), and her two grandchildren, Vivienne and Julian.

Friends and family are invited to her celebration of life at Washburn-McReavey Columbia Heights Chapel on January 23, 2026, with visitation starting at 2 p.m. and services at 3 p.m. We will have time in the service to share stories of Debbie's life, and we hope to hear your favorite memories of her.

We will also have a memorial service in Grand Forks, ND in the spring of 2026 to allow friends and family in that area to gather in remembrance of her as well. Date and location to come. Reach out to Greg, Kasey, or Evan for further details.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Columbia Heights Chapel
4101 Central Ave NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421
(763) 789-4436
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Chapel Service

JAN **23**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BA

“ Brent A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debbie Jean Hanson.

Brent A. - January 22 at 01:53 PM

CB

“ Clinton B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debbie Jean Hanson.

Clinton B. - January 22 at 01:11 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debbie Jean Hanson.



January 21 at 12:45 PM

LV

“ Love: The Vaaler's purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Debbie Jean Hanson.



Love: The Vaaler's - January 20 at 10:10 PM

YP

“ I haven't known Debbie very long but when I first met her and Greg, it was wonderful. She became one of my new best friends. What a incredible person she was I thank God every day for being part of her life bless Greg and the kids an awesome grandkids. Love you all so much Yvette Pyka.

yvette pyka - January 20 at 06:21 PM

FF

“ From McKewon & Schuleman families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Debbie Jean Hanson.



From McKewon & Schuleman families - January 19 at 10:51 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Debbie Jean Hanson.



January 15 at 08:16 PM

AK

“ Aubree K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debbie Jean Hanson.

Aubree K. - January 15 at 08:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debbie Jean Hanson.



January 10 at 08:53 AM



“ Debbie was my day care provider for Kelly and Nick for a year. She was Kelly's “other Mother” during those school years and she was a good friend to me. I was always amazed how she could face her medical problems over and over again, with a grin and positive attitude.

Alana Kuznia - January 10 at 12:48 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Debbie Jean Hanson.



January 09 at 10:20 PM



“ While I haven't seen Debbie in over 20 years since her visit to Kansas I have many fond memories of going to Aunt Carol's to visit. I'm so sorry to hear she passed. May you all smile when you think of her and the memories she leaves behind.

Jackie (Pfleiger) Roemer - January 09 at 05:36 PM

BR

“ *Brent, RL, Oliver, and Rhys Radeke purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Debbie Jean Hanson.*



Brent, RL, Oliver, and Rhys Radeke - January 09 at 04:57 PM

LH

“ *I remember Evan sharing a few warm stories about his mother while we worked together at Media Relations. Evan and Kacey, I'm so sorry for your loss, and my thoughts and prayers continue to go to you and your family for strength, support and comfort.*



Lindsay Helgeson - January 09 at 02:44 PM

MK

“ *Rest in peace my sister love you. Mike and Pam*

Mike Kratochvil - January 09 at 02:28 PM