



## Jerald "Jerry" Kenneth Hanson

February 19, 1947 - January 19, 2018

Passed away unexpectedly on January 19, 2018. Jerry is survived by wife, Kay (nee Dvorak), daughters Juli (Randy) Denny and Jackye Severts, son Nick (Vette) Hanson, grandchildren Jackson, Raegan and Lauren Denny, Bailey and Isaac Severts and step-grandchildren Bethany Hurtig, Ryan Toon and Emmalee Toon. Preceded in death by parents Jasper and Ella Hanson and sister, Diane Jorgensen.

Jerry was born in Pelican Rapids, MN. While attending high school, Jerry achieved the level of Eagle Scout and also received the Bronze Palm. He also served as a Scoutmaster for Troop 326 in Pelican Rapids.

Jerry graduated from Moorhead State College. He taught English at Verndale High School his entire career. In addition to teaching, Jerry loved directing the school plays and was involved with several sports teams, especially football. Jerry did the football team stats each year and created highlight reel videos set to music. He was a favorite teacher who continued to hear from former students whose lives he impacted throughout his life.

Jerry served in the Army and later the Minnesota Army National Guard for 26 years. He was an instructor at the Minnesota Military Academy at Camp Ripley in Little Falls, MN, where his specialty was desert warfare. He received numerous achievement medals and awards during his years of service. Jerry had many passions including classic cars, sports, politics and cryptic crosswords.

Funeral Services 1:00 PM Monday, January 29 at DISCOVER CHURCH,

1400 81st Ave., N., Brooklyn Park (visitation 12:00-1:00 at the church).  
Interment Sunset Memorial Park, Minneapolis. Memorials preferred to  
Discover Church.

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# Tribute Wall

TG

“ He was a favorite of mine. He had a different way of teaching that made it fun. I remember a phrase he would use when explaining how well something could go, he would say "slicker than snot on a glass doorknob". Hahahaha. I loved his English classes and it put a desire in my heart to write. Blessings on his family during this difficult time. It was a honor having him as a teacher. Rest in peace Mr. Hanson. Class of '89

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**Tamra (Hahn) Gillen** - January 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Deepest sympathy to your family. I loved Mr. Hanson for English. He always made the class so much fun, it was hard NOT to like him. He was one of my favorite teachers. Class of 83

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**Michelle (Richter) Hughes** - January 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My condolences to Jerry's family. Mr. Hanson was a great teacher that incorporated life lessons and fun into his classes to keep it interesting and yet still learn. Also, I remember as a senior it was terrific that you were treated a little differently in preparation for the post-secondary years. Many great memories!

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**Doug Masog** - January 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ My sympathy to all of Jerry's family. Jerry was my high school English teacher. He was the type of teacher you learned from because he wanted you to learn. We were fortunate to have had teachers like him who cared about our education. Barb Masog. Class of 1978

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**Barb Masog** - January 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ So very sorry for your loss. I spoke with Jerry several years ago and it was a warm conversation but we had little time to catch up. I wish now that I'd have tried harder to stay in touch. We always think we have time. Sending warm thoughts your way.

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**Jim Shipp** - January 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ To the family of Jerry Hanson: As I just got word of Jerry's passing, I am shocked and saddened. Jerry and I both began teaching in Verndale in 1969. We enjoyed a close professional and personal friendship. Jerry was a popular teacher with the students, but he also was a very "good" teacher-anyone who could make students really enjoy "Shakespeare" most certainly had to possess a special talent. Jerry was a fun guy to be around as he had a quick "wit" along with a great sense of humor. Sadly, as we both ended our careers and moved to different locations, our connections were much fewer. However, as they say "gone, but not forgotten". Our deepest condolences to all of Jerry's family. Will and Marilee Domier Battle Lake, MN and Lake Havasu City, AZ

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**Will and Marilee Domier** - January 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Jerry and I were classmates and earned our Eagle Scout at the same time. We were the first two Eagles in Pelican Rapids! We had a lot of fun growing up. I stayed with him often at his home which is now part of Maplewood State Park. There were many adventures on Holloway Hill and South Lida; it was a Huckleberry Finn kind of life! He was a great friend! Our condolences go out to the family. Chet and Paulette Nettetstad

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**Chester Nettetstad** - January 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *kay an family so very sorry for ur loss what is happening first diane  
now jerry prayers are with you*

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**sandy an mike mcdonald** - January 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM