



Laverne Ann Hansen

May 15, 1928 - December 5, 2023

Hansen, LaVerne Ann "Ann"

Age 103, Ann is preceded in death by her loving husband of 52 years Vern. Born on August 5, 1920, on a dairy farm in West Rock, MN, Ann was the fifth child of Axel and Lillie Johnson and grew up with six brothers. Marlen, Glen, Wally, Lonnie, Dennis and Donald. Two more brothers died in infancy. She graduated from Pine City HS in 1939. After graduation, she was hired by Beauford Johnson as his secretary at the East Central Electric Association. From 1941-1944 she managed the Office and Price Board managing rationing for Pine County.

Ann met Vern Hansen in 1943. Vern was the manager of the Pine City Creamery. They were married by Ann's brother, Marlen Johnson, at West Rock Methodist Church on June 4, 1944. They lived in Pine City for about six years. During that time Ann was Vern's secretary in the dairy business. They both learned to fly solo and bought a two-seater Cessna airplane and later a four-seater Navion. In 1947 they built a log lake home on Shell Lake in Wisconsin.

They owned a dairy in Newton, Iowa, from 1950-1956. They established the first franchise for Tastee Freeze soft-serve ice cream. In 1957 they toured in a travel trailer visiting different parts of the U.S. looking for their next home. They decided to move to Houston, TX. They built four forty-unit apartment buildings, which they sold in 1958 and started construction on the Surrey

House Hotel and Restaurant. The hotel was built very close to the Houston Astrodome and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Ann was a very successful business woman, before many women were active in business. After selling The Surrey House in 1979 they retired. Over several years they owned 2 condominiums in Padre Island TX, and one in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They loved to travel and took many trips around the U.S and abroad. Vern died of a sudden heart attack in 1996. After living in Texas for 44 years, Ann made the decision to move back to Minnesota to RosePoint Senior Apartments in Roseville. She was the longest residing resident at RosePointe. She was always interested in the business side of RosePointe, provided lovely bouquets of flowers for the lobby and was loved by everyone. She was an active member and benefactor of Centennial United Methodist Church, which her brother Marlen helped found. She was also a benefactor to Vision Loss Resources, since she suffered from macular degeneration.

She became the family matriarch. Having no children of her own, she adopted the whole Johnson and Hanson clans. She had 54 nieces and nephews. If you wanted to know what was going on in the family, you called Auntie Ann. She spread her love around and kept the families together with her phone calls, updates, sharing of photos and just keeping in touch.

Services will be held at the Centennial United Methodist Church, 1524 Co Rd. C2, Roseville, MN at 11:00 AM Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service. A luncheon will be served after the service in the church hall. Internment will follow at Johnson Memorial Cemetery, 55235 Pine County Hwy 103, Rock Creek, MN. Memorials can be directed to Vision Loss Resources 3230 Spruce St. Little Canada, MN 55117 or a charitable donation of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Johnson Memorial Cemetery

55235 Pine County Hwy 103
Rock Creek, MN 55067

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Centennial United Methodist Church
1524 West County Road C2
Roseville, MN 55113

Church Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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1524 West County Road C2
Roseville, MN 55113

Reception

DEC 19. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Roseville, MN 55113

Graveside Service

DEC **19**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Rock Creek, MN 55067

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *May she rest in peace* 🌸

Marsha Mowery - December 18, 2023 at 02:14 PM

JA

“ *Jeffrey A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laverne Ann Hansen.*

Jeffrey A. - December 18, 2023 at 10:34 AM

PJ

“ *Ann's strength of character was an inspiration.*

Phil Johnson

Phil Johnson - December 17, 2023 at 05:10 PM

JF

“ *We lived in Houston for part of the time when Vern and Ann were there. We loved to meet up with them for a meal or talk on the phone. They were always very nice. We miss them both!!*



John & Minita Feldsien - December 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Ann we are thinking of you, with your family in heaven. Finally at peace. I will miss our weekly visits and your sharing your many memories with me. Greet everyone from the souls still on earth.*

Steve & Pat Johnson - December 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *Keeper of Memories*
Loving and Caring
Long and Accomplished Life



Mark and Mary Johnson - December 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM