



Mary Joyce Hanson

October 7, 1930 - August 7, 2024

On Wednesday, August 7, 2024, Joyce Hanson - a loving and gracious mother, grandmother and pastor's wife - passed away at the age of 93 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Joyce was born in Great Falls, Montana, on October 7, 1930, to George J. Tallman and Mary (Hoskamer) Tallman. At the age of five her family moved from their ranch near Simms, Montana, to Minneapolis. She and her family loved camping in the mountains of Montana and later by the lakes of Minnesota. Camping was a life-long love that she shared with her children and grandchildren. Joyce attended South High School and graduated as one of the top students in her class. Her Christian faith was very important to her, beginning in high school and throughout her life.

In the fall of 1948 she attended Augsburg College. During freshmen orientation she met Herbert C. Hanson, who had enrolled at Augsburg after serving two years in the U.S. Marines. They were married on September 23, 1950, beginning a life-time of serving others side by side. Together they served Lutheran parishes in North Dakota, Colorado, Wisconsin, and Iowa. She embraced her role as a pastor's wife through her caring support of Herb and through involvement and leadership in church activities. Her faith commitment was shown through her gracious love for all in the communities in which they served. This included serving as a houseparent for individuals with

mental health challenges. In retirement she and Herb continued service and outreach to others including significant work with Habitat for Humanity.

Joyce and Herbert were blessed with four children. She was proud of each of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Joyce delighted in her role as a mother and grandmother serving as an example of Christian love, always embracing each child with unconditional love. She shared with them her commitment to making the world a better place, especially for those who were less fortunate. Perceiving everyone in the best possible light, she served as a living example of grace.

Joyce is survived by her dedicated husband, Herbert, of Minneapolis; children, Annette (Pat) Patel of St. Paul, Gail Hanson of Osceola, WI, Dan (Elaine) Hanson of Urbandale, Iowa, and Cheryl Reiners of Minneapolis; seven grandchildren Anita, Anesh, Erin, Molly, Ethan, Heather and Abby; and fourteen great-grandchildren, Sachi, Ajay, Kimutai, Amaya, Zada, Emily, Josie, Micah, André-Pierre, Mateo, Xiomara, Clara, Danny, and Leah Joyce. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers George Tallman, Jr., and Jeffries Tallman, son-in-law Mike Schmidt, and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 17, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 East 31st Street, Minneapolis, MN. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. A Memorial Service will be at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch.

Memorials can be directed to:

Luther Seminary, PO Box 860747, Minneapolis, MN 55486 (www.luthersem.edu/giving/)

Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061 (<https://give.lwr.org/page/123179/donate>)

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Minneapolis)
2730 East 31st Street
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Church Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Minneapolis)
2730 East 31st Street
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Reception

AUG 17. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Minneapolis)
2730 East 31st Street
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Graveside Service

AUG 17. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Park (Minneapolis)
2250 Saint Anthony Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall

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“ Jennifer P, Amanda J, & Andrea S purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mary Joyce Hanson.



Jennifer P, Amanda J, & Andrea S - August 15, 2024 at 11:43 AM

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“ -- purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Joyce Hanson.



-- - August 14, 2024 at 03:14 PM

DR

“ Dean Reiners purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Joyce Hanson.



Dean Reiners - August 13, 2024 at 02:05 PM

JW

“ My condolences to Pastor Herb and all of the family. I spent my high school years in church events like Luther League and Bible camp with Annette and Gail. You were like family to me. I am still a member at Good Hope and organist.
Joyce Plaisier Welsh, Good Hope Lutheran Church, Titonka, IA

Joyce Welsh - August 12, 2024 at 09:09 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Mary Joyce Hanson.



August 12, 2024 at 02:49 PM



“ *I'll never forget the day I asked Pastor Herb if he knew of any lady in our congregation that might be interested in watching our young baby daughter when I went back to work! He said “ Yes he did and he could highly recommend her because she had done a great job with her children!” And so Joyce became our wonderful daycare lady, my teacher of many valuable lessons, our lifelong friend! She was a wonderful “Mom” to Jere Harms Bartolo, Chad Harms, and Matt Harms(for a few months)! Jere especially benefited from being raised with four great older role models to watch over her! Thank you Herb, for the recommendation and for sharing her with us! Our deepest sympathies to you!*

There is never a good age to lose one's mother, but how blessed you all were to have her! Sympathies and Hugs! 🤗

Jerry and Laurie Harms

Good Hope, Titonka, Iowa

Laurie Harms - August 10, 2024 at 01:08 AM