



Rev. Rolf Gordon Hanson

July 6, 1924 - July 11, 2015

Age 91 of Roseville

Passed away July 11, 2015. Survived by wife of 68 years, Esther; children, Rolf (Linda) Hanson, Kristine (Gerald) Larson, Else (James) Carlson, Karen (David) Benton, Peter (Kay) Hanson and Grete (Charles) Hanson; 18 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, A. E. and Marie Hanson and his brothers, Paul, James and John. Rolf was a WWII Navy Veteran serving in the Pacific Theatre from 1942-1946. He was a graduate of South Dakota State University and Luther Seminary, St. Paul. Rolf was a long-time Lutheran Pastor serving parishes in Grand Marais, Lutsen, Tofte, Hovland, MN., Havre, MT., Spring Grove, MN., and St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church in St. Paul. He retired from active ministry in 1991. Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 AM Friday, July 17 (visitation 9:30-10:30 AM) at CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1945 Prosperity Road, Maplewood. Interment following at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Spring Grove, MN.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ To the Family of Rev Rolf G Hanson: My deepest condolences to hear of the death of Rev Hanson. Rev Rolf Hanson was my childhood pastor at St Anthony Park Lutheran Church in the 1980's-1991. He taught me confirmation classes on Weds with Pastor Bob Preuss and he taught me the bible on Sunday Mornings. He confirmed me as a member of St Anthony Park Lutheran Church. He helped me through my grief over the loss of my maternal grandpa. I never met such a wonderful and Godly person in my whole life. Darunwan Chayabutr

Darunwan Chayabutr - March 21, 2025 at 02:42 PM

EE

“ To the Family of Rev. Rolf Hanson:
My wife Debra and I were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Rev. Hanson. Our sincere condolences to you in your great loss.
Sincerely,
Eric and Debra Evenson

Eric Evenson - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ Pastor Hanson loved the Lord Jesus and faithfully lived out his commitment to preach, teach and share God's Word in its truth and purity. From his disciplined good mind and loving heart Rolf challenged the best in our minds and hearts. Pastor Hanson set a good example for pastors and parishioners, young and old--blessed be the memory of Pastor Rolf Hanson
Carl and Ruth Vaagenes, Brooklyn Park, MN

Carl Vaagenes - July 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *Such a great man. So many memories from confirmation, camp, marrying us, and baptizing our children after retirement and his knee surgery. What a guy!!! He was a perfect guide for us SAP kids and he'll never be forgotten. May he RIP.*

Paula Johnson Kennedy - July 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ *To the family and friends of Pastor Rolf Hanson, I was the last pastor to serve with Rolf at St. Anthony Park Church, just before his retirement. He was an inspiration to me and I will never forget him.*

Nancy Koester - July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Jodi Lukenbill
May the lord bless you and may he keep you in his arms. You will be dearly missed by many.
Rest in peace Pastor Hanson.*

Jodi Lukenbill - July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *I am so sad. He was a great neighbor for so many years on Hewitt!*

Kate Drexl - July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *We are thinking of you during this time of loss, our prayers are with you and your family.*

Tom & Marilyn Fites

Tom & Marilyn Fites - July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

UB

“ Dear Hanson Family,

I'm very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. A friend of mine shared a great story about Rolf, and I'm happy to work together with Peter in Blaine.

All the best wishes to you during this time; strength and also happiness when celebrating his life and legacy.

U Bilger - July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Sending my sympathies to all the Hanson family. Many fond memories of you and many lives touched as you modeled faith, kindness, and integrity and also shared your creativity. Pastor was quite a guy. May God comfort you.*

Beth Dvergsten Stevens - July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Hanson family at this difficult time. Pastor Hanson led the faith lives of all the children I grew up with in Spring Grove. I have many fond memories of birthday parties and slumber parties in the parsonage with Kristine. God's peace to you.*

Maribeth Reed Anderson - July 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ *To the family of Pastor Rolf, You have my sympathy in this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

virginia (benson) karlsbrotten - July 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss the hanson family. Pastor hanson was the one that baptism me in December 8 1968. My parents are leslie stotlie and Catherine storlie of spring grove Minnesota. God bless you.
Sharon padilla

Sharon padilla (storlie) - July 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM