



Donald L. Hanson

September 14, 1932 - May 19, 2017

Albany-Donald L Hanson Died suddenly, yet peacefully on May 19, 2017. Born 9/14/32 to Elling and Marion Ladwig Hanson, he spent most of his early life in Minneapolis, MN, graduating from the University of Minnesota, St. Paul. His two years in the Army were spent at Fort Niagara, NY. After a short stint as a forester, he eschewed the cold of International Falls for the NYS Department of Civil Service, writing forestry exams. The remainder of his career was spent in the NYS Department of Mental Hygiene, OMRDD, retiring in 1990.

Don had a lifelong interest in airplanes, trout fishing and WWII . His family life was notable for his enjoyment of and devotion to his children and grandchildren. Most remembered are the many camping trips with all the children and their friends in the Adirondacks.

In addition to his wife, Judy Weissbard Hanson and his best friend, Jerry Connors Hanson, he is survived by his five children: Scott Hanson, Karen Cole, Steven(Jean) Hanson, Jennifer(Eric) Heller, and Kathy(Gregg) DeCenzo; thirteen grandchildren: Casey, Regina and Nicholas Hanson; David and Meaghan Penny; Connor, Carly, Clare and Caoilainn Cole; Talia, Antoni, Kassia and Ezio DeCenzo; great-granddaughter, Caydence Ryan; nieces, Kristen(Lesley), Lisa(Valerie), Shelley(Dean), Meredith(Ray) and Hilary; nephew, Brady; cousins, Jim(Ruth), Doug(Dora) and Barbara, as well as

many members of the Connors extended family, friends and furry companions, Barkley and Tempe. He was predeceased by his brother, Russell and cousin, Cyril (Sandy.)

The family is especially grateful to caregivers Mike and Flora who contributed to the comfort, peace and happiness of his final months.

Visitation will be 4:00 to 7:00 Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen St., Albany, NY.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 1:00 pm at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Family and friends may gather at the funeral home at 12:00 pm.

The Memorial Service will be at the Unitarian Church, 405 Washington. Ave., Albany, NY at 6:00 pm Thursday, May 25, 2107.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Memorial contributions may be made to Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance, 801 Roeder Road, Ste. 750, Silver Springs, MD 20910, or Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 950 New Loudon Rd., #330, Latham, NY 12110 or the Humane Society.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens Cemetery

983 Watervliet Shaker Road
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Graveside

MAY **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Memory Gardens Cemetery
983 Watervliet Shaker Road
Albany, NY

Service

MAY **25**. 6:00 PM (ET)

First Unitarian Universalist Society
405 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald L. Hanson*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Happy 90th Birthday Dad!! We love and miss you everyday!!
Love Jen*

Jennifer Heller - September 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *4 Years ago today you left us, God must of had other plans for you.
Not a day goes by that I don't think of you. I Love You Dad... Hug
Mom for me!!*

Jennifer Heller - May 19, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ *Christmas just isn't the same without you and Mom.. I miss you Dad
Love Jen*

Jennifer Heller - December 23, 2019 at 12:05 PM

JH

“ *My Dad
My father is a man like no other. He gave me life, nurtured me,
taught me, dressed me, fought for me, held me, shouted at me,
kissed me, but most importantly he loved me unconditionally.
There are not enough word I can say to describe just how important
my father was to me, and what a powerful influence he continues to
be.*

I LOVE YOU DAD.

Jen

Jennifer Heller - August 03, 2018 at 12:10 PM

JH

“ *I can't believe its been a year already, it hurts still as if it were
yesterday. I miss you Dad, I miss your guidance, your friendship. I
do hope Mom is letting you speak.*

Jennifer Heller - May 21, 2018 at 07:50 AM

JE

“ *Happy Halloween Dad!!!*

Jennifer - October 31, 2017 at 12:23 PM

JE

“ *I miss you Dad, I know you wanted Mom with you, couldn't you
have waited at least a year? Keep sending your signs, you've been
awful quiet since Mom passed... I'm sure she's talking your ear off! I
find peace in knowing you are both together and my angels.
I love you Daddy!*

Jennifer - August 23, 2017 at 08:19 PM

SH

Happy Birthday Dad

Scott Hanson - September 14, 2017 at 09:16 AM

JH

“ *Jerry Connors Hanson was added to the Family Tree.*

Judy Hanson - May 26, 2017 at 07:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald L. Hanson.*



May 21, 2017 at 09:56 PM

GL

“ *George And Sandy Lashoff lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Hanson*



George and Sandy Lashoff - May 21, 2017 at 10:26 AM

GL

Don was a caring and wonderful man. Best father and Grandfather ever. He will be missed.

George and Sandy Lashoff - May 21, 2017 at 10:30 AM

DA

So sorry for your loss. Uncle Don was a great guy!
Diana (Connors) Altobello

Diana Altobello - May 22, 2017 at 06:50 AM

CR

Judy and Family, my sincere condolences to you. Thinking of you and hopeful that you will find comfort in the memories of happier and healthier years with Don.

Carol Gingold Rosenthal

Carol Gingold Rosenthal - May 24, 2017 at 07:54 AM