



In Loving Memory Of
Ruth Marie Hansen

WHO WAS BORN

October 18, 1923
Wisconsin Township, Jackson County, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

February 26, 2025
Ortonville, Minnesota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, March 8, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.
First English Lutheran Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

MUSICIAN

Lisa Berdan, Pianist

HONORARY BEARERS

Staff at Fairway View Neighborhoods

HONOR GUARD

VFW Post 3964
Ortonville, Minnesota

INURNMENT

Mound Cemetery
Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Ruth's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the graveside service, please join the family for a time of food and fellowship in the church dining room.

*My mother became a Christian when I
was born - thus, the name Ruth.*

*The Christian life was the only one I
knew and how thankful I was to grow
up and realize how loved I was.*

*Being a child of God and being raised
by Christian parents were the greatest
gifts I could receive.*

*These last years, I have looked forward
to Heaven and being with the Lord.
How blessed I was to be a child of the Lord.*

Ruth

*Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home
Ortonville, Minnesota*

Ruth Marie (Tessien) Hansen was born on October 18, 1923, on the family farm in Wisconsin Township of Jackson County, MN, to Leuie and Alma (Miller) Tessien. She was baptized at Salem Lutheran Church in Jackson, MN, on November 25, 1923, and was later confirmed in the Lutheran faith on October 29, 1935. Ruth attended country school through sixth grade, then attended Jackson Public School. She was active in band, (where she and Peter played French horn), symphony orchestra, chorus, and baton twirling. Before her marriage, Ruth worked at the jewelry store in Jackson.

First seeing her future husband when she was in fourth grade and he was in sixth grade, Ruth was smitten with a boy named, Peter Hansen. The two were ice skating and did not know one another, but they fell in love at that young age and had a love that lasted more than 70 years. On October 12, 1945, Ruth and Peter were united in marriage. Together, they were blessed with four children. The couple made their home in Minneapolis, MN, until Peter graduated from dental school. They later made their permanent home in Ortonville, MN.

With faith and church being important to Ruth, she was active in many groups and held numerous offices in the church women's groups. She was on the board of the Community Concert Association and served as Chairman. Ruth was also active in the American Legion Auxiliary and was a member for over 70 years. She worked for the American Red Cross Blood Mobile and served as Red Cross County Chairman. Aside from her work with community assemblies, keeping her home, and raising her children, Ruth did volunteer work at the beauty shop at Northridge Residence, and she delivered mobile meals for many years. She held the honor of being a Gold Star Mother as a result of the death of her son, Peter, in Vietnam.

Ruth was an avid seamstress and loved growing roses in her flower beds. She enjoyed downhill and cross-country skiing, golf, playing Bridge, dancing, and traveling. Ruth also liked to play board games like Scrabble and Trivial Pursuit. She was an amazing cook and loved to entertain. Ruth was always in the mood for a good laugh and cherished the time she spent with family and friends. Most importantly, she loved the time spent with her loved ones, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish Ruth's memory are her daughters: Beth Hansen of Belle Plaine, MN; and Anne (David) Tonn of Ortonville, MN; her son, Kurt (Dori) Hansen of Loveland, OH; her grandchildren: Chris (Vauna) Hansen, Lindsay (Nima) Sobhani, Peter (Kirsten) Hansen, David Hansen, and Kathryn (Matthew) Toigo; her much loved great-grandchildren: Terin, Kai, Finley, Eiley, Kyla, Peter, Noah, and Shepherd.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter; son, Peter; her parents, Leuie and Alma Tessien; sister, Kathryn; and brother, Robert.

Ruth looked forward to eternity with the Lord and to being reunited with her loved ones and her Bridge partners: Marilyn, Gen, and Barb.



Think of...

*Standing on shore
and finding it Heaven.*

*Touching a hand
and finding it God's.*

*Breathing the air
and finding it celestial.*

*Waking up in glory
and finding it home.*

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