

Remembering the Life....

Darlene Lorraine Hanson, a dedicated nurse, beloved wife and mother, and lifelong learner, passed away peacefully at the Evansville Care Center on January 4, 2025. Her remarkable 91-year journey began on a farm near Belvidere, Nebraska, where she was born to Louie and Elizabeth Cording.

Darlene's passion for nursing shaped her life's work. After graduating from St. Francis School of Nursing in 1954, she pursued advanced education at Duchesne College of the Sacred Heart, Omaha and Valparaiso University, Indiana including studies at the University of Oslo, Norway. Her distinguished career encompassed teaching, administration, and advocacy. As Executive Director of the Nebraska Nurses Association for twelve years, she championed crucial reforms in nursing practice and education. Her international influence extended to leading a nursing delegation across Europe and the Soviet Union in 1976. While living in MN she held a faculty position at Northwest Community College, Wadena, MN. She also volunteered at the Hoffman Care Center, Hoffman doing sensory stimulation utilized for its calming effects.

In 1982, Darlene married Harland Hanson, embracing seven adult children into her heart. Their family grew to include seventeen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren, each receiving her handcrafted yearly Christmas ornaments—a testament to her thoughtful nature and creative spirit.

A woman of diverse interests, Darlene traveled to 27 countries, immersed herself in genealogy, an avid reader and found joy in quilting and breadmaking publishing her own cookbook in 2020 for family and friends. She loved hosting many gatherings in her home with great food using beautiful table settings with plenty of interesting conversations. Her faith manifested through active service at Calvary Covenant Church of Evansville, where she taught Sunday School and participated in various ministries.

Darlene is survived by her seven children: Stephen of Fairfield, CA, Joel (Natalie Brown) of Bloomington, MN, Marcia (Don Lidtke) of Saratoga Springs, UT, Michael (Valerie Torgrimson) of Evansville, John (Carrie Brown) of Evansville, Samuel (Karen Iszler) of Bismarck, ND, and Rebecca of Minneapolis, MN; her sisters Louise Storey of Las Cruces, NM and Janet (Dean) Thede of St. Paul, NE and seventeen grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and twelve nieces and nephews. She joins those preceding her in death; her beloved husband Harland on Dec 31, 2021, her parents Louie and Elizabeth Cording, sister Evelyn in 2021, in laws, Oliver and Ethel Hanson; brother-in-law, Orlando in 2005; sister-in-law, Olive in 2021 and grand-daughter -in-law Maryn Shuck Hanson in 2013 and other family members in eternal rest.

Her legacy lives on through the countless lives she touched as a nurse, educator, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. Darlene's commitment to her Christian faith, service to others, lifelong learning, and family will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Blessed be the Memory of Darlene Hanson



THE QUILTER

By Darlene Hanson

In 1987, I started quilting at Church. I was the youngest one and next in ages was Audrey Olson. The “older women” would bring their quilt tops already sewn together and we would finish them.

A large wooden quilting frame had to be setup in the basement each time.

The quilts were given to Covenant Missions and had to be the same size.

During the late 80s and early 90s, Ruth Brown and I were the only ones that quilted. Occasionally Deanna Dropps and Adeline Klobes came. Slowly, other women started to come.

Mildred Bah would come until she had a car accident.

We always saved one large quilt to be given to anyone in the community who had an emergency situation.

Then in 2000, Karen Langager brought interest in quilting.

We made 16 quilts to send to Alaska for a school dormitory. Some of our Church members took them in their “coolers” so we did not have to pay postage.

I bought a light weight quilting frame.

Then in the early 2000s we started giving quilts to Someplace Safe in Alexandria.

The first year we gave 7 quilts. In 2019 we gave 22 quilts and 20 stuffed animals (made by Sue Anderson).

Now, I am the oldest in the group!!



In Loving Memory Of **Darlene L. Hanson**

March 14, 1933 ~ January 4, 2025

Funeral Service

Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 11AM
Calvary Covenant Church, Evansville, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Dwaine Frykman

Obituary

Unknown

The Quilter

Unknown

Music

Lori Risbrudt, organist

Unknown, soloist

“It is Well with My Soul”

“The King is Coming”

“Come to the Ark” Buddy Davis

Congregational Hymns

“In the Garden”

“Nearer My God to Thee”

“Jesus, Savior Pilot Me”

Casketbearers

Michael Thede, Philip Thede, and Paul Hagen
have all agreed to this

Interment

Mound Grove Cemetery, Evansville, Minnesota

Appreciation

Darlene’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.