

Wesley “Wes” Elden Hanson was born on November 3, 1931, in Litchfield, Minnesota, the son of Elvin and Selma (Anderson) Hanson. He grew up in the Rosendale community and graduated from Grove City High School in 1949. In 1953, Wes enlisted in the U.S. Army. While on leave, he was married to Jeanne Audrey Peterson on December 25, 1953, at Arndahl Lutheran Church in rural Grove City. Following his honorable discharge in 1955, Wes attended Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis. In 1957, they moved to Willmar, where Wes purchased Eid’s Refrigeration in 1965, which he owned and operated for over 40 years. In 2005, the business was transitioned to his son, Tim.

Wes was an active member of Vinje Lutheran Church and served on the church council in the mid-1970’s. He was also a member of the Willmar Rotary Club, Elk’s Lodge, Willmar Hockey Association, Willmar Trap Range and several conservation organizations.

Wes loved spending time outdoors, trap shooting, riding snowmobile and motorcycle, hunting, fishing, and visiting with people. He never missed attending any of his children’s school or athletic activities.

He is survived by his four children, Rick (and Deb) Hanson of Kandiyohi, Tim (and Sherry) Hanson of Willmar, Tom Hanson of Willmar, and Kristi (and Brad) Evenson of Roseville; eight grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren, besides other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne in 2013; a grandson-in-law, Jamie Paurus in 2019; his parents; one brother, Jerry, and two sisters, Jeanette and Charlotte in infancy.

Celebrating the Life of



Wes Hanson

1931 - 2022



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Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

In Loving Memory Of

Wes Hanson

November 3, 1931
Litchfield, Minnesota

April 23, 2022
Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, May 7, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.
Vinje Lutheran Church
Willmar, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Dane Skilbred

Music

Pianist: Su Michelson
Congregational Hymns:
"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"
"Morning Has Broken"

Military Honor Guard

Austin F., Hanscom American Legion Post #167
Willmar, Minnesota

Interment

Cloverleaf Memorial Park Cemetery
Willmar, Minnesota