

These Hands

These hands ain't the hands of gentlemen.

These hands are calloused and old.

*These hands raised a family,
these hands raised a home.*

Now these hands raised to praise the Lord.

These hands won the heart of my loved one.

And with hers they were never alone.

*If these hands filled their task,
then what more could one ask,*

For these fingers have worked to the bone.

*Now don't try to judge me by
what you'd like to be,*

For my life ain't been much success.

While some people have power,

But still they grieve,

while these hands brought me happiness.

*Now I'm tired and I'm old
and I ain't got much gold.*

Maybe things ain't been all that I planned.

*God above, hear my plea,
when it's time to judge me.*

Take a look at these hard-working hands.

These hands.

In Loving Memory of

Richard Thomas Hansen

September 18, 1942 ~ November 29, 2024

Prayer Service

Zion Lutheran Church, Chamberlain, SD

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Funeral Service

Zion Lutheran Church, Chamberlain, SD

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Officiating

Rev. Wade Harr

Music

Donna Knippling ~ Organist

Casketbearers

Donn DeBoer

Russell Cable

Trent Hanson

Bill Burkard

Keith Reuer

Lowell Hieb

Military Graveside Rites By

Johnson~Peterson American Legion Post No. 179

Reliance~Kennebec, SD

Phillip Carlson ~ Bugler

Interment

Riverview Cemetery, Chamberlain, SD

Everyone is invited for lunch & fellowship back in the church hall following the committal services.

Arrangements By: *Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD*

Richard Thomas Hansen was born September 18, 1942 at Chamberlain, SD to Edward and Helen (Mack) Hansen. He attended elementary school in Reliance and high school at Chamberlain.

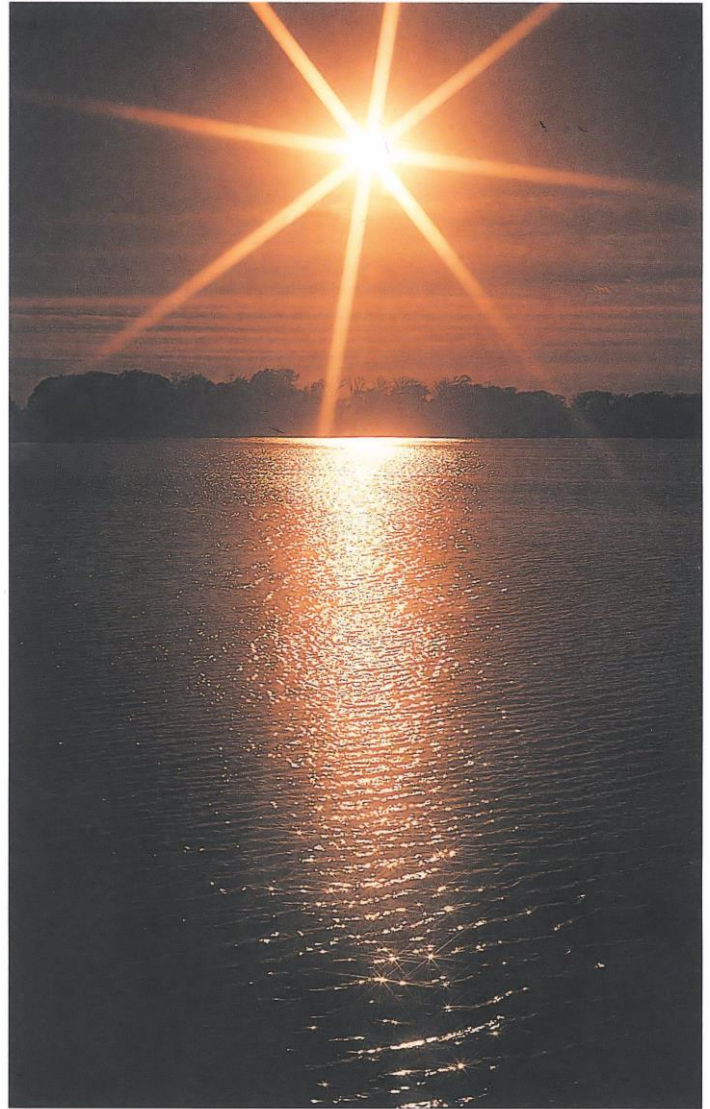
He enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard after high school. Richard worked as a farm hand for Albert and Onalee Larsen, where he met his future wife, their daughter Mavis. On June 13, 1964, Richard was united in marriage to Mavis Larsen at Chamberlain, celebrating 60 years of marriage this past summer. They made their home in the Reliance area where Richard worked on many construction jobs including the Big Bend Dam Project and Interstate 90 and later worked at the grain elevator in Reliance. He then began his career with the S.D. Department of Transportation, retiring in 2014.

He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, the Lakers Car Club, Johnson Peterson American Legion Post of Reliance, and the Reliance Coffee Club.

Richard passed away on November 29, 2024 at Sanford Care Center in Chamberlain, SD.

Gratefully sharing his life are his wife Mavis Hansen, three sons Todd (Nancy), J.D. (Becky), Dustin (Kevin); daughter Yvette (Darrel) DuVall, brother John (Connie) Hansen; sister Debra (Newell) Kallestad; grandchildren Spencer, Aspen, Cassidy, Grace, Dean, Selah, Morgan, Brayten, Sawyer; step grandchild Terri; great grandchildren Quentin, Wilder, Adeline, Emilia, Delthea; step great grandchildren Quincy and Samantha; and many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his sister Beverly and her husband Ralph Hadley.



In Memory