

In Loving Memory of
Catherine Gertrude Hanson

October 4, 1932 ~ May 22, 2025

Memorial Service

Thursday, July 3, 2025 ▪ 11:30 AM

Trinity Lutheran Church

Bismarck, North Dakota

Interment

Thursday, July 3, 2025 ▪ 2:00 PM

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

Mandan, North Dakota

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Processional

“In the Garden”

Prayer of the Day

Time of Remembrance

Special Music

“Ashokan Farewell”

Hadley Schauer

Gary Hanson

Scripture Readings

Psalms 46: 1-6, 10-11

John 14:1-6

Sermon

Song

“How Great Thou Art”

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers

Lord’s Prayer

Commendation

Recessional

“Amazing Grace”

Postlude

Officiant *Rev. Martha HarriSon*

Musicians *Scott Houser and Klarissa Pudwill*

Honorary Urn Bearers *Catherine’s Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren*

Eastgate & Parkway Funeral Service

Bismarck, North Dakota



Catherine Gertrude (Craven) Hanson, age 92, passed away on May 22, 2025. Catherine was born in Bismarck on October 4, 1932, to John and Elizabeth (Hanks) Craven. She was raised in rural Burleigh County and attended grade school in Menoken. She was active in 4-H and enjoyed rollerskating. Her sweet rolls were a 4-H blue ribbon winner. Catherine attended Bismarck High School, class of 1951, where she was a member of the tumbling team, pep club, girl’s athletic association (G.A.A.) and Future Homemakers of America (F.H.A.). After high school Catherine was employed by Provident Life Insurance Co.

On July 16, 1953, Catherine married Melvin Hanson at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND. During their 62 years of married life they raised 5 children and were blessed with 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grand children. Her most cherished times were spent gathered with family celebrating the holidays and other special occasions. She was an active member at Trinity Lutheran Church. Cathy was in Mother’s Club and taught Sunday School for 8 years. She served on various committees and boards like the Art Guild and Altar Guild, where she hand-embroidered many baptismal christening towels.

Catherine was a talented seamstress who often made her own clothing, baby clothes and dresses for her girls. Her children and grandchildren have received hand tied quilts or crocheted afghans. She taught her children to sew, embroider, bake and cook. Catherine had dreamed of becoming a home economics teacher. She enjoyed growing and tending her flowers, especially her beautiful roses. She loved to read, do puzzles, and play computer games. Catherine frequently used the computer for medical research and connecting with family. Life for Catherine was busy, but she did enjoy square-dancing, going on family vacations to the lake in the summer and camping with special neighbors. Celebrating the 4th of July at Gary’s house at Lake Sakakawea became an annual tradition. Catherine loved to travel and would often be invited to join family members on their vacations. She and Melvin particularly enjoyed the bus trips they took with friends to see the United States. Catherine always had time for coffee with friends and a gift for listening to others’ difficulties. She had a caring heart and was consistently there to offer a helping hand, whether it be assistance in moving, babysitting or providing care for family members. Catherine centered her life around her family. Her indomitable spirit will be forever treasured and remembered by those who loved her.

Catherine is survived by her children Gary (Darlyne) Hanson, Bismarck; Deanna (Ron) Lindenfelser, Corcoran MN; Kevin (Kathy) Hanson, Mobile AL; Janine (Steve) Ess, Columbia Heights MN; Craig Hanson, Brooklyn Center MN; her 7 grandchildren Eric, Amanda, Breann, Katie, Nick, Devin, Freya; her 6 great-grandchildren Hadley, Ava, Audrey, Jonah, Simon, Michael; her sister Elizabeth Ennen, Menoken; her sister-in-law Esther Shearer, Glendive MT and Arleen Carter, Colorado Springs CO; and her many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Melvin, her parents, her sisters Lillian Craven, Beryl and Ernest Doehle, Lucile and Russell Heaton; her brothers Calvin, Bernard, James, Gerald and Donavon Craven; her son-in-law Steve; her in-laws Alice Hanson, Adeline and George Reinke, Hazel and Donald Peterson, Janice and Verner Hanson, Mable and Lyle Schultz, and Timothy Shearer.

The family would like to thank Edgewood Village and CaringEdge Hospice for their tender care and kindness. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the National Kidney Foundation.

My Mother Kept a Garden

*My Mother kept a garden.
A garden of the heart;
She planted all the good things,
That gave my life it's start.*

*She turned me to the sunshine,
And encouraged me to dream:
Fostering and nurturing
The seeds of self-esteem.*

*And when the winds and rains came,
She protected me enough;
But not too much, she knew I'd need
To stand up strong and tough.*

*Her constant good example,
Always taught me right from wrong;
Markers for my pathway
To last my whole life long.*

*I am my Mother's garden,
I am her legacy.
And I hope today she feels the love,
Reflected back from me.*

Following the funeral service the family invites you to join them in fellowship hall at the church for a light lunch. Burial to follow at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan.

