

**Gary Benedict Hanson**, the son of Bennie Hanson and Helen (Mrnak) Pronek, was born on August 19, 1944, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Gary grew up in Alexandria and after the death of his father at age 10, Helen's second husband Charlie Pronek helped raise him. Gary attended country school and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1962. He served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1968. Gary was trained in field communications and traveled to many countries including Denmark, France, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Australia, and Switzerland. After returning home, he worked at 3M for 33 years.

He married Kathleen (Kathy) Schommer on October 28, 1972. They bought a home on Lake Brophy where they raised four wonderful children. Gary enjoyed birdwatching, gardening, and fishing. He also enjoyed golfing, playing cards, bingo, and puzzles. He liked to cheer for Minnesota sports and was an excellent carpenter at home. He will be forever missed by his loving family.

Gary B. Hanson passed away surrounded by the love of his family on Monday, August 9, 2021, at the age of 76 years old. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years Kathy Hanson; children Jody Norris, Becky (Brian) Bogart, Tessa (Ryan) Spencer, and Brian Hanson; grandsons, Justin, Matthew, Ian, and Gannon; sister, Marie (John) Stellner and many more relatives.



**LOOK FOR GRANDPA IN EAGLES**

*Time for you to go now, we won't say goodbye;  
We will look for you in eagles,  
way up in the sky.*

*In the morning sunshine when the birds fly in  
the air; We will look for you  
and wish you were still here.*

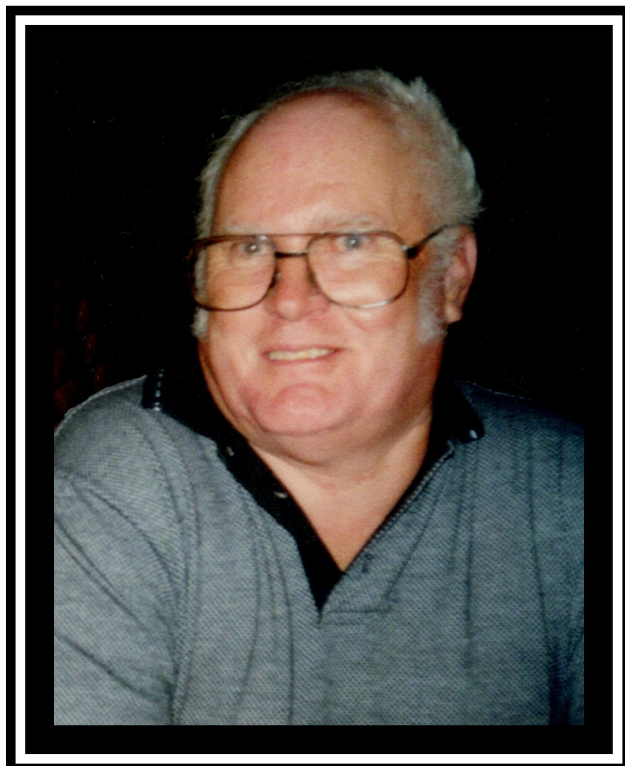
*In the evening sunset when the day is through;  
Just look for us and we'll be close to you.*

*Time for us to part now, we won't say  
goodbye; We will look for you in eagles,  
flying in the sky.*

*We love you Grandpa-  
Justin, Matt, Ian, and Gannon*



*In Loving Memory*



**Gary B. Hanson**  
**1944-2021**

*In Memory of*

**Gary B. Hanson**

August 19, 1944 † August 9, 2021

**Time of Remembrance**

Anderson Funeral Home Chapel  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Saturday, August 21, 2021  
4:00 PM

**Casket Bearers**

Brian Hanson                      Ryan Spencer  
Brian Bogart                      John Stellner  
Mark Schommer

**Honorary Casket Bearers**

*All of Gary's Grandsons*  
Justin Hanson                      Ian Spencer  
Matthew Froemming              Gannon Bogart

**Military Honors**

Minnesota Army Honor Guard  
American Legion Post #87  
Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #936  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #235  
Marine Corps League Detachment #1409

**Interment**

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery  
Alexandria, Minnesota