## In Loving Memory of Mary Jean Hanson

June 18, 1930 ~ April 23, 2024

## **Prayer Service**

Monday, April 29, 2024 • 7:00 PM Parkway Funeral Service • 2330 Tyler Pkwy Bismarck, North Dakota **Funeral Service** Tuesday, April 30, 2024 • 11:00 AM First Lutheran Church • 800 N Seventh St Bismarck, North Dakota **Interment** Tuesday, April 30, 2024 • 1:00 PM North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Mandan, North Dakota

Invocation		
Processional Hymn	"For All the Saints"	#174
Prayer		
Norwegian Hymn	"Behold the Host Arrayed in Whit	te"
Obituary		
Hymn	"How Great Thou Art"	#532
Scripture Readings		Psalm 23
		Revelation 21:1-7
		John 14:1-6
Hymn	"My God and I"	Choir
Sermon		
Hymn	"Beautiful Savior"	#518
Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
Commendation		
Hymn	"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"	Choir
Recessional	"Abide with Me"	

Officiant Rev. Allen Wagner Musicians Sue Dahl and Jerry Saude Casket Bearers Mary Jean's Grandchildren

Following the funeral service, the family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments.

Eastgate & Parkway Funeral Service Bismarck, North Dakota



Mary Jean Hanson, 93, Bismarck, passed away April 23, 2024.

Mary Jean was born June 18, 1930 to Allen and Irma (Montgomery) Benson in Lake Andes, South Dakota and raised in nearby Ravinia along with her younger sister, Margaret. She graduated from Ravinia High School with honors in spite of the fact that both parents were in poor health and needed assistance.

She then attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls and received her bachelor's degree in

Elementary Education. While there she sang in radio/chapel choir, played volleyball and worked various jobs.

On August 24, 1952 Mary Jean married Wilfred Hanson (they met in college choir) at East Lake Andes Lutheran Church in rural Wagner, South Dakota. To this union five children were born. As the wife of a rural North Dakota pastor in several small towns she played various roles such as church secretary, organist, soloist for many weddings and funerals, Sunday school, etc. In addition, she held the position of school secretary for more than 20 years in Esmond until retiring and moving to Bismarck.



In retirement Mary Jean was active in Sons of Norway where she sang in the choir and joined needlework groups. She volunteered through Central Dakota

Optimist Club, R.S.V.P. and Buckstop Junction; also knitting caps for newborns and quilting for church groups was her passion. She always kept herself busy and loved singing in the church choir up until the last few months.

Mary Jean is survived by her children, Dean (Renee) Hanson, Naomi (David) Payer, Sandra (Jay) Cofell, and Paul (Pamela) Hanson; grandchildren, Aaron (Cas), Jesse (Jessica), Eric (Shekae), and Adam (Chelsey) Hanson, Joyce and Grace Payer, Jayson (Amber) and Ryan Cofell; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilfred; daughter, Joyce; her parents, Allen and Irma Benson; and sister, Margaret (Jim) Bradley.



10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. 26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. 27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise and call her blessed: her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.' *30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;* but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. *31 Honor her for all that her hands have done,* and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

PROVERBS 31:10, 25-31



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