

Duane "Doc" Theodore Hanson was born on May 7, 1936, in Brainerd, Minnesota, the son of Theodore and Alvina (Racine) Hanson. He grew up in Brainerd and graduated from Brainerd High School with the class of 1954. Duane went on to further his education at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. He graduated with his doctorate in 1960. He was united in marriage to the love of his life, Marian Torgelson on June 27, 1959, in Brainerd. Duane proudly served as a Captain and dentist in the U. S. Air Force in Kalispell, Montana and was honorably discharged in 1962. The couple moved to Willmar where they raised five children. Duane owned his own dental office in Willmar and ran a successful practice for over 35 years, retiring in 1995.

During retirement, Duane and Marian enjoyed many excursions with dear friends and family exploring all corners of the world. Duane was an avid hunter and fisherman, with a passion for wildlife conservation and habitat preservation. He was a founding member of the Green Lake Walleye Focus. He championed quality public education, serving on the Willmar School Board for 13 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and served on St. Mary's Church council. Duane was a proud member of the Willmar Noon Lions Club where he received the Helen Keller Award for his service.

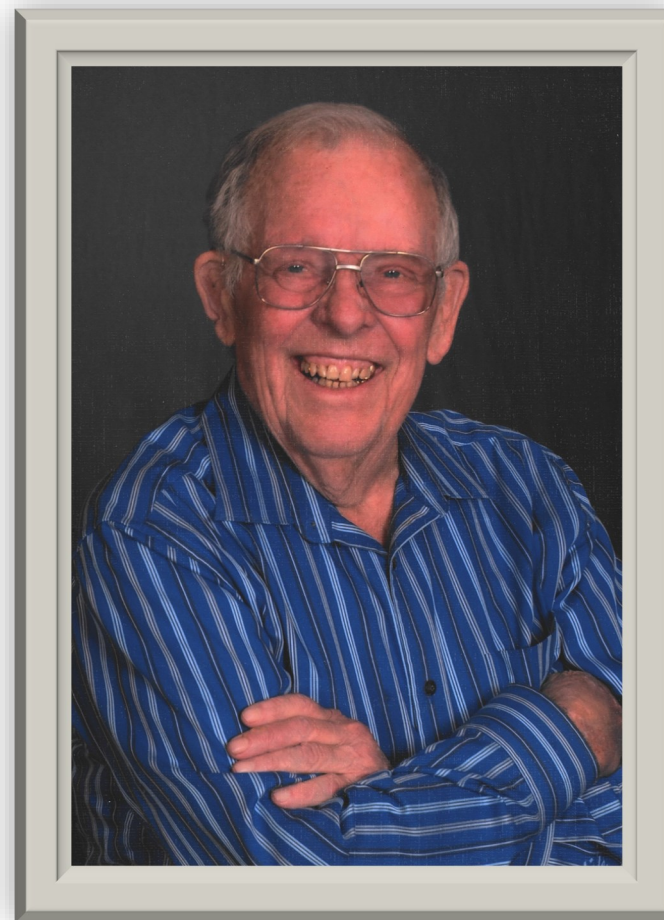
Duane was not afraid to speak out for something he felt strongly about, even if it was an uphill battle against popular opinion. Duane was a prolific woodcarver, gifting his family with many wonderful woodcarvings. He was a competitive card player always ready for a game (even in his final days), which he usually won. His faith was his guiding light as a husband and father. Sunday worship was mandatory as were mealtime prayers. As a father, Duane fostered a family bond with his children which is passed down to his grandchildren. Duane also known as Boppy, will be remembered for the love he had for his family, especially his grandchildren. He was happiest with his large family around him, which he was blessed to enjoy at least twice a year.



Duane is survived by his five children, Susan McClellan, Shelly David, Eric (Andrea) Hanson, Dr. Tom Hanson, Dr. Michael (Dr. Jodi Fonkert) Hanson; thirteen grandchildren, Kajsa Pyers, Stacy McClellan, Kristi McClellan, Remington Riehl, Ciara Riehl, Ben Hanson, Isabelle Hanson, Riley Hanson, Cole Hanson, Nick Hanson, Brett Hanson, Dr. Samantha Hanson, and Jessa Hanson; besides other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marian in 2017; son-in-law, Wally McClellan; sister and brother-in-law, Darlene (and Ken) Mills; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Pete and Liz Mathison.

# *Celebrating the Life of*



## *Duane "Doc" Hanson*

*1936 - 2024*



### ***The Fisherman's Prayer***

*God grant that I may live to fish  
until my dying day.  
And when it comes to my last cast  
I then most humbly pray  
When in the Lord's safe landing net  
I am peacefully asleep,  
That in His mercy I be judged  
As big enough to keep.*

*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home  
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"*

In Loving Memory Of

## *Duane "Doc" Hanson*

May 7, 1936  
Brainerd, Minnesota

July 25, 2024  
Willmar, Minnesota

### **Mass of Christian Burial**

Friday, August 2, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

Church of St. Mary

Willmar, Minnesota

### **Celebrant**

Fr. Josh Bot

### **Readers**

Remington Riehl    Dr. Samantha Hanson    Stacy McClellan

### **Eulogy**

Dr. Mike Hanson

### **Music**

Pianist: Tim Cayler

St. Mary's Resurrection Choir

Gathering Song: "Amazing Grace"

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23—"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Preparation of Gifts: "How Great Thou Art"

Communion: "On Eagle's Wings"

Song of Farewell: "The Hand of God Shall Hold You"

Going Forth: "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

### **Urn/Flag Bearer**

Ben Hanson

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Duane's Beloved Grandchildren

### **Interment**

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Willmar, Minnesota