

## Remembering the Life....

Violet Arbutus Ellingson was born at 5 PM on January 16, 1926, to George and Clara (Olson) Ellingson in Erdahl Township.

Growing up, Violet was an excellent student. One year while attending country school she completed two grades at the same time. In later years she sang solos and was a member of the Clean Plate Club. She was very proud of being Valedictorian of her senior class which graduated from Evansville High School in 1943.

Violet married James Oscar Hanson on May 26, 1945, in the Erdahl Lutheran Church. They spent many happy years living on a farm two miles southeast of Erdahl. Violet was a devoted wife and dedicated mother. With the passage of time, she enjoyed the role of doting grandmother, then great-grandmother. Violet loved life on the farm because she just loved babies. Especially baby dogs, cats, cows and horses. And of course, she loved baby children. Violet loved to hold them and talk to them with her gentle soothing voice. Young mothers would come to her for child rearing advice.

Violet always had a strong religious faith. For many years, this included attending church services at Erdahl Lutheran, where she was an active member of the Ladies Aid and taught Sunday School classes. More recently she joined Faith Lutheran Church in Evansville, viewing the services in person or on cable.

Violet always had a fantastic garden on the farm. She raised fruits and vegetables, and with this she was a baker, canner, and was known for her homemade pancake mix. She also tended beautiful flower gardens and her favorite was the carnation. She continued this love of flowers when Jimmy built their retirement home in Evansville in 1987.

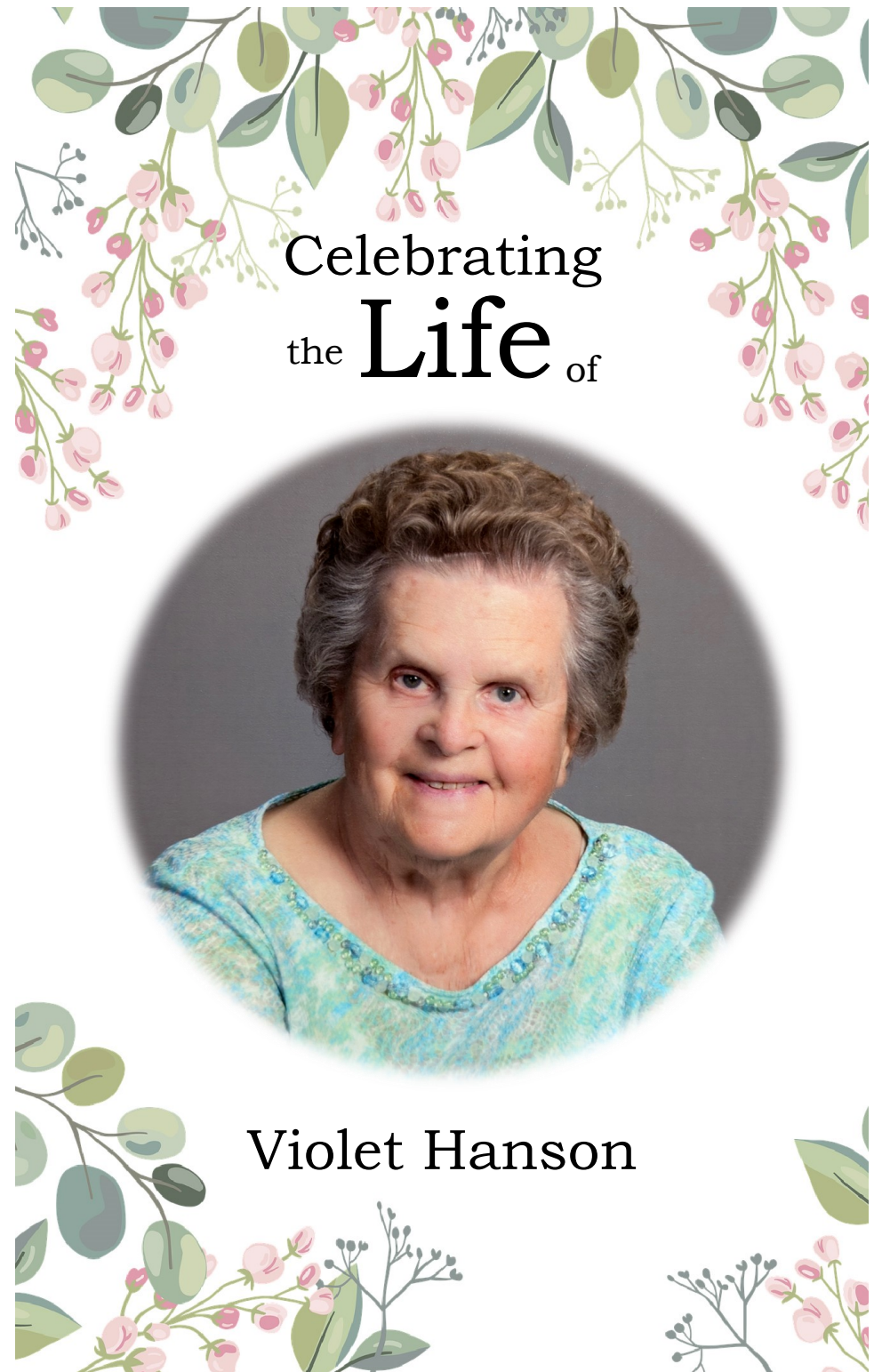
Violet and Jimmy were constantly attending local school events. They attended all their children's sporting contests including football, wrestling, basketball and baseball. This carried on with their grandchildren. They also attended other extra-curricular activities like band and choir concerts, class plays, PTA and FFA.

Violet and Jimmy liked to travel. Highlights include trips to Hawaii, Norway, Texas, California, Washington DC, Niagara Falls and Mackinac Island. For years she accompanied Jimmy on deer hunting trips to Montana with a close circle of friends. They spent the winter months in Mesa, AZ for thirty-five years. Here they engaged in two of their favorite activities; playing cards and square dancing.

On Friday, July 19, 2024, Violet passed away at the Evansville Care Campus at the age of ninety-eight years.

Violet was preceded in death by her parents, her husband James Oscar Hanson, two childhood brothers, Carmen Gilman and George Clifton, her infant daughter Joan Carolyn, her oldest son Jerald Owen and his wife Donna (Novak), and fourth son Donald James, and Violet's grandson Dallas Glen Hanson. Violet is survived by her loving and devoted daughter Joyce Hanson, and by her sons Neil (Elaine Mortensen), Gene (Darla Christenson), Robert, and Daryl (Pam Muchow) and a daughter-in-law Charlotte Peters Hanson. By her brother Arlie (LouAnn Strehlo) Ellingson, and by ten grandchildren, and by twenty-three great-grandchildren, and finally, her special friend David Schuman.

Blessed be the Memory of Violet Hanson



“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called *you* by your name;  
You *are* Mine.” Isaiah 43:1b



### **Safely Home**

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Now you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's will.

When your work is all completed,  
And your time has passed  
Oh, the joy to see you come!  
Safely home in Heaven at last.



“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’”

Matthew 25:23



*You are my sunshine, my only sunshine  
You make me happy when skies are grey  
You'll never know dear, how much I love you  
Please don't take my sunshine away*

# *In Loving Memory Of* **Violet A. Hanson**

January 16, 1926 ~ July 19, 2024

### **Funeral Service**

Friday, July 26, 2024 at 2:00 PM  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Evansville, Minnesota

### **Officiating**

Reverend Bradley Pearson

### **Family Memories**

#### **Music**

Joyce Engle, organist  
“Amazing Grace” #779  
“You Are My Sunshine” Bottom Left  
“When Peace Like a River” #785

### **Honorary Casketbearers**

Tamara, Josh, Violet and Aspen Holtan

### **Casketbearers**

Travis Hanson	Doyle Hanson
Bruce Hanson	Brian Hanson
Darin Hanson	Christopher Hanson

### **Interment**

Erdahl Cemetery  
Rural Elbow Lake, Minnesota

### **Appreciation**

Violet's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for coffee and refreshments following the service at the Evansville Senior Center.

### **Arrangements by**

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