

COACH

As our coach we just wanted you to know how much we appreciate every sacrifice you have made.



You have helped us grow as a team and as individuals. We have learned that hard work really does pay off and that excellence can be achieved.

You have been our biggest fan during our most triumphant moments, and our rock when we came up short of our goal.

We can only hope that we have touched your life as profoundly as you have touched ours.

Thank you for making a difference.

THE HOOPSTER



In Loving Memory **Donald C. Hanson**

MARCH 10, 1942 ~ SEPTEMBER 17, 2018





Donald C. Hanson, 76, Mandan, died September 17, 2018, surrounded by his loving family at Sanford Health, Bismarck.

Don was born March 10, 1942, in Sherwood, ND, to Glenn and Ethel (Lund) Hanson. He graduated from Sherwood High School in 1960 and attended Minot State University on a baseball scholarship. He graduated with a teaching degree in 1964. On July 19, 1963, Don married Joan Beckedahl in Sherwood. From 1964-67 Don taught and was the basketball coach at New Salem High School. He moved his

family to Mandan in 1967, and Don taught math for 29 years at Mandan High School. He became the Braves basketball coach in 1974 and led them for 13 seasons, winning a state championship in 1981. He gave up coaching after the 1986-87 season and retired from teaching in 1996. Don wrote and produced "The Hoopster" and "Miss Hoopster," a boys and girls basketball preview book, since 1983. He was also a professional baseball scout for numerous teams, most currently the Minnesota Twins. Don also enjoyed officiating high school football for many years. He shared his love for sports and the outdoors with his grandchildren who he was so proud of and loved beyond measure. Don was an active member of First Lutheran Church in Mandan, a member and past Master of the Mason Lodge 8, a member of the Elks Club and Mandan Eagles, and was a lifetime member of the North Dakota Coaches Association.

Blessed to have shared in his life is his wife of 55 years, Joan Hanson, Mandan; four children, Kerry (Scott) Grochow, Rugby, Perry (Judy) Hanson, Bismarck, Sherry (Joe) Schmidt, Medina, and Merry (Rick) Feldman, Kenmare; 13 grandchildren, Kaycee and Mitch Grochow, Seth, Brenna, and Courtney Hanson, Kaden, Kane, Katie, and Karson Schmidt, and Colby, Riley, Delaney, and Kenley Feldman; four sisters, Glenna (Tim) Mueller, Bismarck, Julie (Ralph) Driessen, Underwood, Betty (Terry) Vibeto, Minot, and Susan (Jim) Gates, Mohall; one brother, Mick (Ann) Hanson, Loudon, TN; as well as countless friends, MHS faculty and administration, coaching staff, and thousands of students and athletes who had a great appreciation and love for Mr. Hanson.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Terry; and son-in-law, Brad Rasmusson.

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Don.



Prayer Service

Wednesday, September 19, 2018; 7:30 PM
First Lutheran Church, Mandan, ND

Funeral Service

Thursday, September 20, 2018; 10:00 AM
First Lutheran Church, Mandan, ND

Officiant

Rev. Lee Herberg and Rev. Christina Martin

Organist

Loretta White

Vocalist

Joe Schmidt

Guitarist

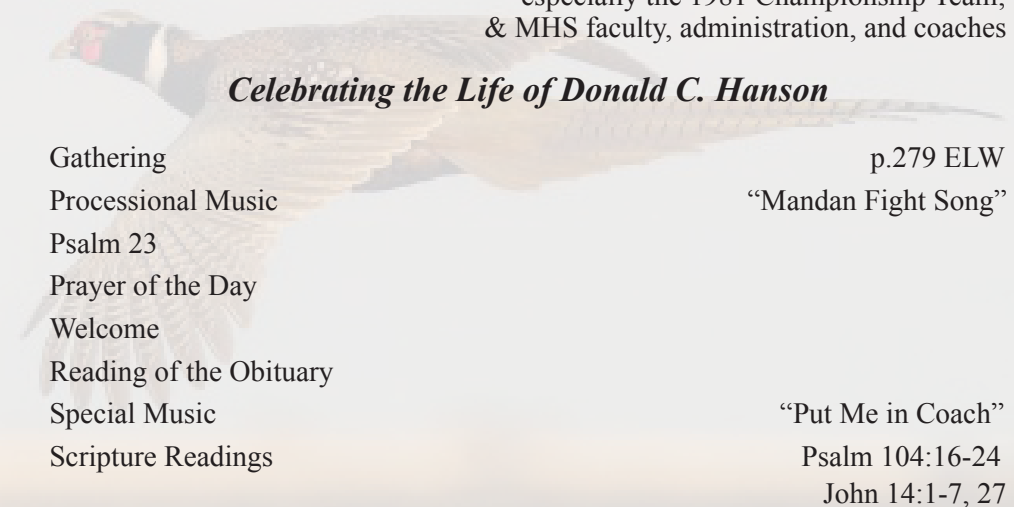
Tim Daley

Pallbearers

Mitch Grochow, Kaden Schmidt, Seth Hanson, Kane Schmidt, Colby Feldman, Riley Feldman, Delaney Feldman, & Karson Schmidt

Honorary Pallbearers

All previous MHS students; previous basketball and football athletes that he coached, especially the 1981 Championship Team; & MHS faculty, administration, and coaches



Celebrating the Life of Donald C. Hanson

- Gathering p.279 ELW
- Processional Music "Mandan Fight Song"
- Psalm 23
- Prayer of the Day
- Welcome
- Reading of the Obituary
- Special Music "Put Me in Coach"
- Scripture Readings Psalm 104:16-24
John 14:1-7, 27
- Congregational Hymn "On Eagles Wings" WOV #779
- Homily
- Special Music "Buck on the Wall"
- The Apostles' Creed/Prayers p.282 ELW
- The Lord's Prayer p.283 ELW
- The Commendation
- Special Music "Audience of One"
- Processional Music "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

The family would like to invite everyone to join them for a strengthening time of food and fellowship at the Mandan Eagle's Club, 1400 Collins Avenue, immediately following the Committal Service at Mandan Union Cemetery in Mandan.