



Christopher J Hansen

February 23, 1961 - January 11, 2023

Christopher J. Hansen, age 61, of Darwin, died, Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at the Meeker Memorial Hospital in Litchfield. A mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, January 16, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Litchfield with Father Nathan Hansen and Father Brian Mandel officiating at the service.

livestream the service at

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069068800296>

<https://www.youtube.com/@shepherdofsoulsarefaithco7582/videos>

A visitation was held on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at St. John's Catholic Church in Darwin from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a Knights of Columbus Rosary at 3:00 p.m. and a Parish Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church on Sunday.

The Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Christopher J. Hansen, the son of James and Dorothy (McIntee) Hansen was born on February 23, 1961, in Litchfield, Minnesota. Chris was baptized at the

Meeker Memorial Hospital in the Catholic faith and received First Communion in 1969 at St Philip's and Confirmation in 1973 at St. John's Catholic Church in Darwin. Chris grew up in Darwin and attended St. Philip's Catholic School in Litchfield and graduated from the Litchfield High School in 1979. He furthered his education by attending Willmar Technical College where he received an associate degree in the culinary arts and became a chef. Chris did a chef internship at the Wayzata Golf Course. Because of some medical issues with his father, Chris returned to Darwin where he assumed the leadership of Hansen Hardware in Darwin. In 1986, Chris purchased the Holm Brothers Hardware Store in Dassel and Hansen Hardware in Dassel was in business until his retirement in 2008.

Chris was currently serving on the Saint John's Cemetery Board, had been an active member of the Parish Council and the Area Faith Community Pastoral Council as well as other councils and committees over the years. He had been the Chair of the Fall Festival for several years. He was a charter member of the James A. Hansen Council 13122 Knights of Columbus and was twice past Grand Knight. He was a past city of Darwin Councilman and had served as the Mayor of Darwin. He was a charter member and past President of the Darwin Lions Club. Past Chairman of the Dassel Red Rooster Committee and was currently involved in the Red Rooster event planning. He was Chairman of the Darwin Twineball Day annual community celebration and President of the Darwin Community Club and had overseen the Darwin Twineball Museum. He was past Chairman and current board member of the Darwin Community Legacy Foundation. Past member of Meeker Memorial Hospital Foundation Board of Directors and on the Meeker County Economic Development Corporation Board. He was active in both the Darwin and Dassel Rod & Gun Clubs as well as the Darwin Drifters Snowmobile Club. He participated in many groups and activities. Christopher was a lifelong resident of the Darwin area.

Chris enjoyed spending time with his family and friends waterskiing, snowmobiling, traveling, spending time on the pontoon, camping, and sharing his endless gifts of hospitality. He was a talented musician and could often be found playing the piano, attending concerts or fine arts events. He enjoyed playing cards, dominos, or drinking coffee with friend and family. Faith, Family, Friends, and Food epitomizes his life. He was a brother, uncle, relative, and friend to many and will be deeply missed by all.

He is survived by his siblings, Patrick (Mary) Hansen of Darwin, his twin, Colleen (Bruce) Bonniwell of Dassel, Deacon John (Ruthann) Hansen of Dassel, Mary (Kurtis) Mortenson of Dassel, David Hansen of Chanhassen, Catherine (Dana) Elliott of Circle Pines, and Michael (Kristen) Hansen of Greenfield, nieces and nephews, Joe (Jen) Bonniwell, Shawn (Annette Cole) Hansen, Rosanne Hansen, Bianca Bonniwell, Rebecca (Nathan) Foresman, Stephen (Melissa) Hansen, Kristina (Kellen) Ryan, Jessica (Eduardo) Rosales, Rev. Nathan Hansen, Philip Hansen, Margo Hansen, Garrett Hansen, Lauren Hansen, Daniel Mortenson, and Grant Hansen. Several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Dorothy Hansen and a nephew, Jon Kurtis Mortenson.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Catholic Cemetery

Darwin, MN

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 15. 3:00 PM (CT)

St John's Catholic Church
106 N 4th St
Darwin, MN 55324-6016
(320) 275-2915

Visitation

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Prayer Service

JAN 15. 7:00 PM.

St. John'S Catholic Church

Mass Of Christian Burial

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church of St. Philip
821 E 5th St
Litchfield, MN 55355
(320) 693-3313

Tribute Wall

TK

“ *My husband Dan Kenyon & I, Theresa were friends of Chris. We met in 1979 in Willmar, Mn at chefs training. So many fond memories. He was in our wedding in 1986. We occasionally stayed in touch over the years. Chris was such a fine, sensitive person loved by many.
He was a true legend.*



Theresa Kenyon - January 17, 2023 at 07:34 PM

JL

“ *Hansen family, please know how very sorry we are to hear of the loss of your beloved Chris. Just has a great visit with him in Dec. This area is going to miss all he does. Thinking of you all - Jerome and Dawn Lindquist*

Jerome & Dawn Lindquist - January 16, 2023 at 03:26 PM

DS

“ Chris was such an amazing soul....his kindness and fun sense of humor made Monday mornings so enjoyable for the guys at Men's Coffee at Lakeside. Very thankful for the opportunity to get to know Chris. He was a true servant of God and our community has been richly blessed because of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love from all of his friends at Lakeside Generations



Deb Seaberg - January 16, 2023 at 10:36 AM

SK

“ Colleen, and the Hansen Family,
Sad to hear about the passing of Chris. He was one of the Good Guys, so kind, thoughtful, and caring. His commitment, and passion to his community was unmatched. His legacy continues to live on. May you find peace and comfort in the many memories.

Steve Karg - January 16, 2023 at 10:01 AM

AP

“ Dear Hansen family, please know how very sorry we are to hear of the loss of your beloved Chris. He positively impacted so many lives with his caring ways and faithful service. We will always remember Chris: his smile, his calm manner, his welcoming attitude and his kindness. We are sad that he is gone so soon but know heaven is rejoicing that such a beautiful soul is now home. Wishing all who loved him peace and comfort in the days ahead. Sending our prayers and love, Ann Rose Plaza and the Rose Family.

Ann Rose Plaza - January 15, 2023 at 10:12 PM

DA

“ Hansen Family, our deepest sympathies with the passing of Chris. He was one of the nicest and most welcoming people I have met. The time we spent on the Darwin Lions I will treasure forever. He helped me and was always there when I needed him. The community of Darwin will miss his presence greatly. May Gob bless the memory of Chis Hansen and the entire Hansen family.

Darrin and Holly Anderson

Darrin and Holly Anderson - January 15, 2023 at 02:26 PM

GO

“ Hansen family, Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your brother, uncle and friend gone too soon. May God's love comfort you at this time and memories keep you close.

Gary & Donna Olson - January 15, 2023 at 12:05 PM

LJ

“ My sympathies to Colleen and all of Chris's family. I had the opportunity to work with Chris for a few years on the Red Rooster Committee. He was a very kind and patient person and I know the Dassel community will feel this loss greatly.

Lori Johnson - January 14, 2023 at 09:40 PM

AA

“ So sorry to hear of Chris's passing. He was a great part of the community of Dassel and in particular the Red Rooster Committee. He will be missed, what a shock.- Abigail Amundson

Abigail Amundson - January 14, 2023 at 08:24 PM

CK

“ *My deepest sympathy! Chris was such a kind person, always had a smile on his face and willing to help out whenever he could! He will be missed by many! My thoughts and prayers to you all! Cindy Karg (Anderson)*

Cindy karg - January 14, 2023 at 04:45 PM

PJ

“ *I can't imagine Darwin and Dassel without Chris. He will be missed.*

Paulie Johnson - January 14, 2023 at 03:48 PM

JL

“ *I was so shocked to hear this. My deepest sympathy to the Hansen family, especially Colleen. Chris always had a smile and a hello whenever we visited Darwin church. Janet and John Lyrek*

Janet L Lyrek - January 14, 2023 at 03:30 PM

JU

“ *Thoughts and prayers to comfort broken hearts during this loss. Chris was a wonderful, kind person and I thank the Lord for for sharing part of Chris' path with mine. God Bless. Julie Shaw*

Julie - January 14, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher J Hansen.*



January 14, 2023 at 11:54 AM

JS

“ As I grew up Chris was always around from the church, religious ed, the hardware store, everywhere I went as a child growing up. He was always kind, happy and smiling. I'm so very sorry for your loss, please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Jackie Snabb - January 14, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher J Hansen.



January 14, 2023 at 08:46 AM

NH

“ Chris was such a nice guy in high school and beyond. I had such a pleasant conversation with him at every class reunion, even though our paths did not cross in day-to-day life. Sympathy to his family.

Nancy Hafner - January 14, 2023 at 12:13 AM

PH

“ Colleen and family. I'm so sorry to hear of Chris' passing. He had such a kind soul and always had a smile. He will truly be missed.

Patty (Barnes) Herzberg - January 14, 2023 at 12:12 AM

LL

“ *My deepest sympathies to all the family but especially to Colleen. Chris was a true gentleman and never without a smile, I have found memories of our time at LHS.*
Linda (Brock) Lyons

Linda Lyons - January 13, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher J Hansen.*



January 13, 2023 at 09:33 PM

SJ

“ *We are so sadden to hear about Chris. Oh so so many great memories!!Great times camping, going to Winstock, enjoying the music and visiting with friends. One thing that stands out about Chris was his cooking. If you never got the chance to have something he made you missed out. He would bring out some of his delicious appetizers(WOW).He always enjoyed coming to my Winstock fish fry and I looked forward to seeing him, he never missed it. We are all so sad that you had to leave us so suddenly, we will never forget you Chis Hansen.*

Shannon Johnson - January 13, 2023 at 08:38 PM

SN

Dear Hansen families...

This news is SO, SO sad...Chris was a very talented person, but most importantly he was a genuine person who loved his family, faith, many friends. He was a friend to anyone he met. The countless hours of passion he gave to Darwin, Dassel & surrounding areas can't be beat!! He would do anything for anybody. My parents & family are just sad and are in such disbelief that this is true. We all feel this loss, but heaven is delighted greeting him!! You will be missed, Chris! Hugs to his family...

Harold, Marge & Sharon Nohner

Sharon Nohner - January 15, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher J Hansen.*



January 13, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Christopher J Hansen.*



January 13, 2023 at 03:34 PM

JM

“ *Had to think which memory, than it came to me... Last day of our senior year in high school and we get caught taking our numbers off our lockers. Chris had the tool in hand.*

Janice Maher - January 13, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher J Hansen.*



January 13, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to the Hansen Family. Chris was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He always made you feel welcome and included. His volunteerism and pride for his community will always be an inspiration. God Bless. Robert Hantge*

ROBERT HANTGE - January 13, 2023 at 02:10 PM



My Deepest Sympathy to all the Hansen Family. He always wore a smile. He will be missed by Many.

Gail Nelson - January 13, 2023 at 03:12 PM



My deepest sympathy to Chris' family. He was such a nice guy. I remember him signing up bus trips to various plays in the cities and he served us milk and cookies on the way home. Rest in peace Chris!

Elaine Kuester - January 13, 2023 at 08:23 PM



I cannot even express my sadness about the passing of Chris. He always greeted me with a smile and a hug. He did so much for the communities of Darwin, Dassel and Litchfield. He will truly be missed by many of us.

Joyce Aakre - January 13, 2023 at 09:18 PM

CD

Chris was one of the best people in the Dassel area. He always had a hello and smile. He will be missed.

Carolyn Decker - January 13, 2023 at 09:47 PM

JM

I was so sorry to hear of Chris's passing. My condolences to his family and friends. Chris always had a big smile and a twinkle in his eyes when he smiled or said something funny. He was a devout Catholic man who sincerely lived his faith. He was an inspiration to so many. May he rest in peace.

Judy Markgraf - January 14, 2023 at 01:00 AM

KN

My deepest sympathy to Chris's family - especially Colleen! Chris was such a pleasant person and loved by everyone. He certainly will be missed!

Kathy (Anderson) Nelson - January 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

TL

*My sympathy to the Hanson family. Chris always had a Hello when I would see him.
Colleen, so sorry that you lost your twin!! Praying for all of your family!*

Theresa Liepold - January 14, 2023 at 10:44 AM

JK

*My sympathy & prayers the Hanson Family. They were one of the first Families we met when moving to Darwin and always have remained friends. Chris was very special and will be missed by so many.
Joan Kreger*

Joan Kreger - January 14, 2023 at 11:42 AM



Words cannot express what the communities have lost with Chris' passing. Our sympathies to all the Hansen family members. I can never forget all that he has done for us. Love Wes and Mary Jo Edwards

Weston Edwards - January 14, 2023 at 01:50 PM

JB

My sincere condolences to the Hansen family. Colleen, because Chris is your twin, I am sure you are heartbroken. Chris has left an impressive legacy of service throughout his life! His passing away is a significant loss for family and the community he served. Gone too soon. May he rest in peace with your parents and other beloved relatives in heaven.

Jane Filzen Bornhoeft - January 14, 2023 at 06:32 PM

DK

Prayers and comfort to the Hansen family. Chris was a man of many talents. Robert & Dianne Kenning

Dianne C Kenning - January 14, 2023 at 09:29 PM

NL

Chris was only 11 years old when he went out of his way to greet our family when we attended St. John's Church for the first time. That was 50 years ago, but his kindness and appreciation of people and community never left him. We will miss him and send our love and condolences to his family.

Nancyand Merle Larson - January 15, 2023 at 11:33 AM

JU

We want to extend our deepest sympathies to the Hansen family. Chris was our neighbor out on Lake Stella. He was always pleasant, had a smile on his face and willing to help if it was needed. He will truly be missed!

Jim & Deb Hofmeister -New Ulm - January 15, 2023 at 01:30 PM

DN

*Deepest sympathies to the Hansen Family at this difficult time. Chris was a wonderful person born with the gift of hospitality. He made everyone feel welcome and special. I will miss his smiling face and his sense of adventure. He was proud of his family and friends and enjoyed planning many events. May the Lord bless you and keep you.
Diane Nicol*

Diane Nicol - January 15, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Christopher J Hansen.



January 13, 2023 at 01:26 PM