



Edward Hansen

December 29, 1949 - January 11, 2022

Edward William Hansen age 72 passed away unexpectedly on January 11, 2022 at his home in Glendive, MT. Memorial services will be held in the Spring of 2022 on a date to be later announced. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Ed was born in Deer Lodge, MT on December 29, 1949. From the beginning he was handed a rough start, but he and his brother Dan made the best of their situation together. He lived in the Helena area and then spent the majority of his school age years in Libby, MT with parents Hilmar and Virginia Hansen who adopted both Ed and Dan. Ed graduated from Libby High School with a passion for tennis and swimming. He went on to complete college at Pacific Lutheran University and obtained his teaching degree. He started his teaching career and took his first position in Yaak, MT for a short time. He then accepted what would become his lifelong position in Wibaux, MT on the complete opposite side of the state.

He married Ruth Mary Kunda on November 16, 1983. They were blessed with four children from this union. John Allan was born May 20, 1984, Amanda Susan on December 10, 1985, Lance Edward on April 16, 1987 and Ivan Hilmar on September 12, 1989 rounded out the four Hansen Kids. He loved teaching and wore various hats in the Wibaux Public School system until his retirement after 30 years. Every student that attended the Wibaux schools

during those years had Mr. Hansen or Coach Hansen at some point or another. He loved teaching PE and encouraging children to be active. He encouraged teamwork and doing your best. He coached for many years and especially threw his energy into the Jr High football team. He taught just about every subject as needed throughout the years. He especially enjoyed teaching Montana History, Native American Studies and other History related classes. Every child learned the county seats as well as every river and mountain range in the great state of Montana.

Ed remained active in the Wibaux community even after moving to Glendive, MT. After retiring from Ed's teaching position in Wibaux, he and Ruth moved to Glendive so that Ruth did not need to make the drive to her work. Ed's retirement only lasted a short time, of course. He was soon the one driving back and forth to Wibaux for his part-time position at the Visitor Center. It was a job he thoroughly enjoyed. He loved Montana and telling travelers all about the best routes to take, the prettiest sites to see and, of course, his favorite places to eat. He loved all sports, especially football, baseball, hockey and golf. Some of his favorite teams included the Seattle Seahawks, Detroit Red Wings, Seattle Mariners, Seattle Supersonics and, of course, those Wibaux Shorthorns/Longhorns. He looked forward to his annual trip with Ivan to watch a professional game in person.

Dad and Mom spent nearly every summer vacation of our childhood carpooling us all over in the big Chevy van. Tee-ball, softball and baseball leagues consumed Dad's "vacation off". He wouldn't have had it any other way. When no one else would coach, Dad did. Where there was need, he stepped up. Dad loved history, football, and most of all his family. He taught us, coached us, went to every game he could and, even with the tough deck he was dealt, he did his best. He encouraged us, cheered us on as our biggest fan and most of all loved us. Dad loved being a Dad and took great joy in being a Grandpa. He made sure we knew how proud he was of all of us

and adored his granddaughters Emma Pearl, Brooklyn Lee, and Lydia Ann. He was loved and he is missed.

Ed is survived by his wife Ruth Hansen of Glendive. Sons John Hansen of Glendive MT, Lance (Kelsey) Hansen of Billings MT and Ivan Hansen of Wibaux MT. Daughter Amanda (Russell) Tempero of Worden MT. Brother Dan (Liberty) Hansen of Fresno CA. Niece Libby Bailey and family. Cousin David (Kathy) Coey of Helena MT. As well as numerous other family members and dear friends.

Ed is predeceased by his parents Hilmar and Virginia Hansen of Libby MT. His in-laws Chester and Dora Kunda of Wibaux MT.

We will be planning a memorial service in the spring (May 2022) in Wibaux MT to celebrate his life and all the lives he touched. We would love to see everyone who can make it at that time to share their memories of our Mr. Hansen. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com. In Dad's memory, we encourage folks to attend a high school sports game, donate to your local school or have a reuben sandwich for lunch.

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Hansen*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Ruth sending my thoughts and prayers to you and your family God be with you Barb Stockwell*

Barbara Stockwell - January 17, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss! Many prayers coming your way!*

Laureen Murphree - January 16, 2022 at 06:31 PM



“ *Ed was such a compassionate teacher and loyal friend to us all. Gary & I enjoyed our fun times with Ed! He is missed.*



Sam Lawrence - January 16, 2022 at 02:49 PM

WB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with your family. I remember him as Mr. Hansen, my P.E. teacher. I wasn't good at anything sports-like, and I was slow. He would always encourage me and say nice things to me after being picked on or made fun of by the other kids. I will always be thankful for that. He made a difference, at least in my little world. At recess, I would see him walking home for lunch, so I'd rush out to greet him and visit with him. He never said so, but I'm pretty sure it drove him nuts, because I never knew when to stop talking. That meant a lot to little kid me. I never thought to say it back then, and I wish I would have, so I will say it now. "Thank you, Mr. Hansen, for everything".

Whitney (Bach) Berry - January 16, 2022 at 12:03 PM

RB

“ So sorry to hear. My condolences to all the family and may God bless and comfort you during this trying time. I have not seen Ed for quite some time but enjoyed a bit of FaceBook connection.

Ruth E Bacon - January 16, 2022 at 10:39 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers.

Ed was great with the kids. I'll never forget when my daughter started kindergarten and had Mr. Hansen for PE. She thought his name was Mr. Handsome, it was pretty cute.

Mark & Teresa Moore - January 16, 2022 at 09:16 AM

JH

“ I will always cherish my friendship with Ed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Jan

Jan Huisman - January 14, 2022 at 09:06 AM

NM

“ *Ruth and family, so sorry to hear about Mr. Hansen. All my kids and a few of my grandchildren had him as a teacher. Also he was a good friend years ago. Praying for comfort at this most difficult time.*
Nona Muckle and Family

Nona Muckle - January 13, 2022 at 09:18 PM

CH

“ *Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of Edward Hansen*



Carol Hanson - January 13, 2022 at 07:07 PM

ME

“ *Mark And Dawn Egan lit a candle in memory of Edward Hansen*



Mark and Dawn Egan - January 12, 2022 at 07:20 PM