



Mr. Donald V. Hanson

July 12, 1928 - July 15, 2018

Hanson, Donald V.

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Of Sarasota, FL formerly of Madison, WI, died unexpectedly on July 15.

Don, aka “The King of Norway”, was born in Stoughton, WI to Harry and Mena Hanson. He graduated from Stoughton High School, served in the Navy for two years and then graduated from the University of Wisconsin with an accounting degree.

In 1960 he met and married his wife of 51 years, Karen Moe. Together they raised three children, Steve, Scott and Tami.

Don was an incredible husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, uncle and friend. He was the youngest of 10 children and the last survivor. He always had a smile on his face and a joke to tell. His famous line was “Did you hear the one about Ole and Lena?”.

Don was loved dearly and will be greatly missed. In honor of the Norwegian heritage he was so proud of, Mange tusen takk, which means many thousand thanks in Norwegian. Thanks for the memories...see you around the neighborhood.

Don is survived by his son, Steve of Cross Plains, WI, his daughter, Tami of Sarasota, FL, and grandsons; Alex, Chase and Spencer Munroe, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his wife Karen, son Scott and son-in-law Jeff Munroe.

A memorial service to celebrate Don's life will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, July 28 at First Lutheran Church, 310 E Washington St, Stoughton, WI. Visitation will be from 10:00am until the time of the service at the church. Lunch and fellowship will follow at the VFW, 200 Veterans Rd, Stoughton, WI. Inurnment will be private in Madison, WI.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
310 E Washington St
Stoughton, WI 53589-1740
(608) 873-7761

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ We have great memories of our golfing days and our trip to Colorado.
We did have to endure all those jokes.A lot of laughs and good times.
Quite a legacy.

Betty and Bill Sime

Betty and Bill Sime - July 28, 2018 at 09:10 AM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald V. Hanson.



July 24, 2018 at 07:17 PM

LP

“ From Frank and Lois Pabst Sorry about Don's passing but he lived a great and long life A very gentle man with many jokes which w all enjoyed We lived across the street and we have great memories of Don and Karen too. Jack Goldman, Frank and Don had their Manhattans every week .Don wanted more than once a week!!

We send love and prayers to the family Lois Pabst

Lois M Pabst - July 22, 2018 at 08:22 AM

SH

“ We share your loss of a Great Friend and Neighbor. We will always remember his love of life and his family.
Forever in our hearts, Our deepest Sympathy and find Solace during with time knowing so many care. Hugs. Ken Sharolyn and family

Sharolyn - July 21, 2018 at 06:14 PM

CM

We were so sad to hear that Don had passed away. But what a long, successful, and wonderful life he had -full of many accomplishments! I will always remember that sly smile and oh! The corny jokes!! He made everyone around him feel happy. You are a lucky family to have had him as your leader.

Love and prayers, Chuck and Cicily McCarthy

Cicily McCarthy - July 22, 2018 at 12:53 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear of Don's passing July 15th. 2018.

In real estate working with Don's wonderful wife, Karen many years I got to see and know Karen and Don well. During those years at work and visiting their home I knew either personally or hear much about every family member. I often heard "The King of Norway" tell an Ole & Lena story. Don could always bring everyone to a smile or a laugh.

Right along with Karen, I felt the love & pride when Tami became "Nanny - Tami"! I felt Karen's sadness losing both a son and a son-in-law in short order. Karen and Don were very proud of their family and loved each of them.

My love, sympathy and prayers go to the Donald Hanson family.
Carole Becker - Schmidt

Carole Becker - July 20, 2018 at 12:19 PM



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Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - July 19, 2018 at 11:07 AM