

Leslie Dale Hansen was born January 3, 1927 to John "Jack" and Malinda (Borcherding) Hansen in Faulkton, SD.

Leslie attended grade school at Irving and Unorganized Thirteen Township Schools and graduated from Faulkton High School in 1945. After graduation he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was assigned to the USS Antietam in the Hawaiian Islands. After his honorable discharge he attended Northern State College before returning to Faulkton to work on the family farm.

On September 30, 1950 he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Geraldine Harris, and together they raised six children. Eventually the couple settled on the family farmstead north of Orient doing what he loved best, farming and raising cattle. In addition to farming in the early years he worked part time at the Orient Farmers Elevator and the Faulk County ACS. He served for many years on the Orient Township Election Board and Orient Elevator Co-op Board. In 2006 he retired from farming and ranching and moved to Faulkton. During those years he and Gerry became members of the Good Sam Club to enjoy camping and social gatherings.

Leslie was a member of the Odd Fellows, Faulkton VFW Post 3179, the Orient American Legion Roland Egger Post, and the United Methodist Church of Orient.

Leslie leaves behind his beloved wife of 64 years, Geraldine; sons Ross (Eva) Hansen of Faulkton, Don (Nancy) Hansen of Egan, SD, and David Hansen, Pisek, ND; daughters Charlene (William) Wiesenborn of Boulder City, NV and Judy Hansen of Rapid City, SD; sister Loretta Ketterling and brother Lester Hansen both of Faulkton; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and son Larry Lee Hansen.

The Farmer's Creed

We believe a person's greatest possession is their dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

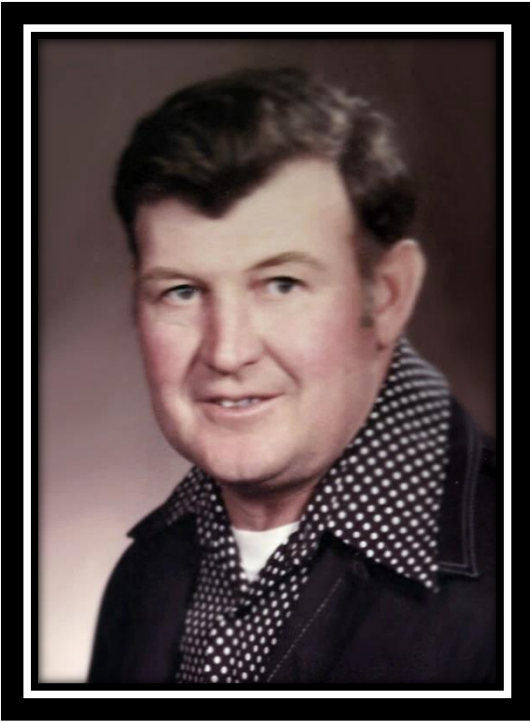
We believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

We believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a person can spend their days on this earth.

We believe that by our toil we are giving more to the world than we are taking from it, an honor that does not come to all people.

We believe when persons grow old and sum up their days, they should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life they have lived.

We believe in farming
because it makes all this possible.



In Loving Memory

Leslie Dale Hansen

*January 3, 1927
Faulkton, South Dakota*

*January 14, 2015
Faulkton, South Dakota*

PRAYER SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Friday, January 16, 2015
Luce Funeral Home ~ Faulkton, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 17, 2015
United Church of Faulkton ~ Faulkton, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: *Pastor Bill Hoffman and David Jahn*

CASKETBEARERS: *Ryan Hansen, Tom Strausberg, Marvoin Hutchinson
Brad Hansen, Chris Fredericks and Brent Wiesenborn*

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS: *Arlie Spangler, Loren Ruzicka, Bob Hermann,
Virgil Hansen, Red Vetter and Richard Schulte*

USHERS: *Allen Hadrick and Bob Hadrick*

ORGANIST: *Marlene Hammond*

VOCALIST: *Jerry Bowar ~ "On Eagle's Wings"*

HYMNS: *"Old Rugged Cross" "How Great Thou Art"*

INTERMENT: *Prairie View Cemetery, Orient, South Dakota
With Military Honors*

Arrangements by: Luce Funeral Home, Faulkton, South Dakota, www.familyfuneralhome.net