



The LORD is my *Shepherd;*  
I shall not want.

He maketh me  
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,  
He restoreth my  
*soul:*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:  
for Thou art with me;*

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD *forever.*

- Psalm 23

## In Loving Memory

# Verne Jon Hansen

April 19, 1932  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

June 3, 2023  
Faulkton, South Dakota

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

11:00 a.m., Monday, June 12, 2023  
United Church of Faulkton  
Faulkton, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING**  
Pastor Shawn Stoll

**EULOGISTS**  
Dennis Bateen and Bernie Vogel

**USHER**  
Allen Hadrick

**PIANIST**  
Diane Hansen

**VOCALIST**  
Chris Hammond  
"O Danny Boy" "Amazing Grace"

**MUSICAL SELECTION**  
"I'll Fly Away"

**INURNMENT**  
Faulkton Cemetery  
Faulkton, South Dakota

**Verne Jon Hansen**, 91, of Faulkton, passed away Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Faulkton Area Medical Center.

Verne was born to proud parents Leonard Dale and Mary Ann (McLean) Hansen of Gettysburg, South Dakota on April 19, 1932.

Verne graduated from Gettysburg High School and went on to attain an associate degree in accounting from Aberdeen School of Commerce, South Dakota. Verne married his loving wife on September 9, 1956, they were to be married 67 years in September. Verne moved to Faulkton after attaining his degree in 1954.

Verne originally worked for Jay Brashear, the town veterinarian from 1954 to 1960. Verne went on to open his own business selling insurance and bookkeeping in 1961. Eventually this business expanded its services to include tax preparation and apartment management. Verne was the Faulkton City Mayor in the late seventies and early eighties. He belonged to many boards and groups including, Odd Fellows, Faulkton Area Lions, and the hospital board. Verne loved Faulkton and worked tirelessly to improve and grow the town, its businesses, and services. His notable achievements were his contributions to the Faulkton Inn Motel, the new Autumn Leaves Senior Citizens building, and the Faulkton Area Medical Center.

Verne was a great husband and father with many interests and hobbies. He will be missed by his family and Faulkton, his adopted home. The family wishes to thank all the great people in the sheriff's department (especially Brent Koens), the ambulance crews, and all the staff of the Faulkton Area Medical Center for all the efforts they made for Verne. This family owes a debt to all these people for their tireless efforts on behalf of Verne. Faulkton may not have been where he was born, but Verne bled black and gold for the place he made his home.

Verne is survived by his wife, Mickie Louise (Bierman) Hansen; three sons: Wade Jay (Domonique) Hansen of Denver, CO, Ward John (Theresa) Hansen of Chicago, IL, and Jess Leonard Hansen of Faulkton; one sister: Connie May Hansen-Edris of Little Flock, Arkansas; and his five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his siblings: Dale Curtis Hansen, Dean Hans Hansen, Kaylene Ann Hansen, and Karen Ray Hansen-Whitcomb.

Memorials in Verne's honor may be directed to the Faulkton Area Medical Center Hospital Foundation, PO Box 100, Faulkton, SD 57438.

## **I'll Fly Away**



# **Verne Jon Hansen**

**1932 - 2023**

