



Arvin Lee Hansen

August 28, 1943 - August 23, 2017

Arvin Lee Hansen passed away and returned to his eternal family on Wednesday, August 23, 2017. He was in the company of his beloved family at his home in St. George, Utah. Arvin was born on the kitchen table at the family home in Dayton, Idaho on August 28, 1943. His sister, Aileen, who was an R.N. assisted with the birth. There wasn't time to get to the hospital in Preston. His parents were Joseph Heber and Eliza Ann Godfrey Hansen. He attended schools in Dayton, Idaho and graduated from West Side High School where he served as the student body president for the class of 1961. He was active in music and sports.

He furthered his education by attending Ricks College, Utah State University and California College of Mortuary Science. While attending Ricks College, Arvin was privileged to sing several solos in the production of The Messiah and La Traviata. He loved to play, "Bugler's Holiday" on his trumpet.

While attending to business at Magic Valley Hospital in Twin Falls, Idaho, Arvin met Sherrill Hauser who was an R.N. there. They were sealed for time and all eternity in the Logan L.D.S. Temple on March 9, 1965. Each year near that date they attended the temple. Arvin was in the funeral business for over 50 years, proudly serving and comforting others as an owner and operator of Hansen Mortuary in Rupert, Idaho.

Arvin's greatest possessions are his five sons and their families. They worked, played, and attended church at his side. All five sons graduated from college and served missions followed by their parents who labored in Portugal.

He served in many church leadership positions in the Rupert, Idaho area and as a district president in Portugal.

Wherever he served, he loved the people and they loved him. His friendships knew no political, religious, or racial boundaries.

1975 was a big year when the Hansen's were able to buy their first mortuary in Rupert, Idaho. The upper floors became their home where three more boys joined the family. Due to harsh Idaho winters, Arvin and Sherrill moved to St. George, Utah. He found shortly after retiring that he missed what he loved doing most, comforting and serving others, and with Sherrill by his side re-entered the funeral business in St. George, Utah as one of the proud owners of Serenity Funeral Home. Later this ownership expanded to

include locations in Draper, Lindon, and Cache Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Logan, Utah. He made many new friends as well as reconnecting with high school acquaintances.

Survived by: his wife, Sherrill, Sons, Larry (Sheri) St. George, Utah, Lynn (Kris) Declo, Idaho, Lyle (Kelee) Boise, Idaho, Lane (Becca) Taylorsville, Utah, Lance (Kim) Pocatello, Idaho, 21 grandchildren, 1 grandson in law, sister Jo Ann Jenkins (Glen) Roy, Utah, and 2 nephews that lived with his family, Bob Atwood (Gladys Ann) Logan, Utah, Tom Atwood (Judy) Mt. Vernon, Washington.

Preceded in death by his mother, Eliza Ann Godfrey, his father, Joseph Heber, sisters Aileen Blaisdell and Lora Larsen, brothers Nile Joseph, and Delwyn G.

Viewing one will be held 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, August 26, 2017 at Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah 1316 S 400 E. St. George, Utah

Viewing two will be held 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon Sunday, August 27, 2017 at Serenity Funeral Home 12278 S. Lone Peak Pkwy Suite 103 Draper, Utah

A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, August 28, 2017 at Hansen Mortuary 710 6th Street Rupert, Idaho 83350 and from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the church on Tuesday. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at the Rupert LDS 1st ward 806 E Street Rupert, Idaho. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Utah and Hansen Mortuary.

Cemetery

Rupert City Cemetery

450 N Meridian

Rupert, ID,

Events

AUG **Viewing** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Serenity Funeral Home of Bluffdale
13863 S 2700 W, Bluffdale, UT, US, 84065

AUG **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Hansen Mortuary
710 6th Street, Rupert, ID, US

AUG **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Rupert LDS 1st Ward
806 G Street, Rupert, ID, US

AUG **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Rupert LDS 1st Ward
806 G Street, Rupert, ID, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Serenity Funeral Home - August 26, 2017 at 12:17 PM



“ This is such a beautiful tribute, such a wonderful and amazing legacy to be proud of
Jody Labounty - August 26, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ What an Amazing
friend to the Hernandez Family, We sure loved him. Margarita Hernandez Braegger
Margarita Braegger - August 28, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ Arvin will be greatly missed, no matter the time of day he would always me individual with a
smile on his face Steven Thomas
steven thomas - August 30, 2017 at 07:50 AM



“ Sincerest condolences to all of the Hansen family. Josh and Amber Hunter

Josh and Amber Hunter - October 01, 2017 at 05:42 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the family. He was a great example to us all. Chris and
Cindy Eggleston

cindy eggleston - August 29, 2017 at 10:53 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hansen family. Arvin was such a strength and
influential person in our lives and the lives of so many in our community. His warm
smile and genuine love was a blessing in many lives. Tom And Joan Hoy

Joan Hoy - August 29, 2017 at 05:07 PM



“ All I can say is that tears flowed freely from my husband's eyes when he heard the news. Arvin was an important role model for him and earned his respect quickly. He will be missed by our family. Our deepest condolences to his beautiful wife and family.

Sylvia Hoy - August 29, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ Dear Sherill and Family:
Our love and sympathy go out to you as one of the "greatest" has passed away. He influenced so many lives. When Layne and I were first married, Arvin was our Bishop, and friend. He was so much fun, and so kind and supportive. The boys were so little then, and now have become dynamic men exemplifying those same qualities as Arvin had. We were later blessed to have Arvin as our Stake President. He helped us through some tough times, and told us that Layne would someday be a Bishop. We tried to put that in the back of our minds, but it came true. We love your sweet family and are thinking of you and praying for you.

With Sympathy,
Layne and Janie Rutschke

Janie Rutschke - August 28, 2017 at 06:26 PM



“ My memory of Arvin goes back to his earlier years. When i first moved to Dayton/Weston i had to make some new friends. Arvin seemed to have a way about him which included everyone. always seemed to be drawing bigger circles. Our friendship involved our future; for me it was not determined, but for Arvin it was always 'I'm going to be a mortician. He invited me to be his partner; but as time passed we were separated and i didnot see Arvin for a long time. But true to his determination he went on to achieve his dreams.

When I visited him last it was difficult to see him in so much pain. But close by his bed was a picture of the Savior. It seemed that Arvin was relying on a greater power to help him through his grief. Through Arvin's previous service to the Savior, he had developed a relationship that helped him at a time like this. What an example!!!

Arvin is a great friend

Garold Seamons

Garold Seamons - August 28, 2017 at 06:55 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Arvin Lee Hansen.



August 26, 2017 at 07:32 PM



“ Words can't express how much I appreciate Arvin and all he did for Jerry. He truly loved him into activity in the church and always told him how much potential he had. He even ordained him a High priest. What a wonderful family he has and more friends than can be numbered. I think that Jerry was there to greet his old friend. We love all of you! Margarete Seedall

Margarete Seedall - August 26, 2017 at 07:08 PM



“ Dear Sherrill and family,

We are deeply sorry to hear of Arvin's passing. His influence in our lives will never be forgotten. He was one of the reasons I joined the Serenity Funeral Homes family. My mother who worked for him before I did, had expressed to me the kindness and goodness of Arvin's and Dick's hearts. I had the opportunity of experiencing the love, compassion, wisdom and kindness he offered to those he came in contact with. Our family will always be grateful for our association with him and for knowing him. May the love and peace of our Savior be with you and your whole family during this time and the hope of a glorious reunion may bring you warmth in the days ahead. We love your family and we will always treasure the things we learned from his example and the way he lived.

With love,
Lehi & Melissa Rodriguez and Teresa Mora



Lehi Rodriguez - August 25, 2017 at 06:47 PM



Lyle,

I am so sorry to here about the loss of your father. Know that I am thinking about you and your family.

Becky Travnichek

University of Missouri Extension



Becky Travnichek - August 25, 2017 at 07:59 AM



Lane Becca and all your families.

So sorry to hear of Arvin's passing. A great Patriarch !

Peace and love to you all.

Auntie Lorna

Lorna Abbott - August 26, 2017 at 02:34 PM



Dear Sherrill and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Arvin. I will always treasure the last text he sent me the day before he passed. He thanked me for the birthday card I mailed him. He said he was getting weaker every day and had more pain. We were golfing at the time I got his text so I told him I would try to hit a great golf ball over the water for him. The shot wasn't very good, probably because my heart ached for him for what he was going through. Dick and I especially enjoyed the times we got together in St. George to plan our 50th Class of 61 reunion, and the annual dinners to follow when we were in St. George. Last Christmas time he drove us and Jim Egbert & wife around to see the St. George Christmas lights. Prayers and love go out to your family. Arvin was a great man as you all know. I told him to save me a good spot on the other side when he got there, just not too soon!

Marilyn Swainston - August 24, 2017 at 08:47 PM



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Marilyn Swainston, classmate - August 24, 2017 at 06:33 PM



“ The most loving person there is in this world. Arvin please say hello to my parents and twin brother on the other side, if I had to choose all over again, I am sure that I wouldn't have think twice on choosing you as my dad...

The tide recedes but leaves behind
bright seashells on the sand.

The sun goes down, but gentle
warmth still lingers on the land.

The music stops, and yet it echoes
on in sweet refrains.....

For every joy that passes,
something beautiful remains.

Arvin we will never ever forget you and your kindness, love, wit and your willingness to give it your all, from the day you walked into our life, we felt that blessing instantly and it will never leave us. The world say goodbye to a Patriach, but he heavens welcome home an Angel....

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Peni, Shelly, Logan, Morgan and the rest of the Malohifo'ou family



Peni T Malohifo'ou - August 24, 2017 at 12:48 AM