

# Marilyn Irene Hanson

December 02, 1937 - September 03, 2018

Marilyn Irene Hanson was born on December 2, 1937 to Glen W. and Frances I. (Funk) Stafford. She attended many country schools and graduated from Burlington High School in 1955. Marilyn earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Northern Iowa in 1959 and a Master's Degree from the University of Iowa in 1960. She taught mathematics at Ames High School for 46 years. Marilyn was also involved in Roland with service clubs and volunteered in a Mathematics Study Center at Ames High School and Roland-Story.

Marilyn passed away September 3, 2018 at Bethany Manor in Story City at the age of 80.

Marilyn married Jim Hanson on October 10, 1965. She is survived by her two sons, James (Anita) of Killeen, Texas and Richard (Elena) of Redfield, Iowa; two granddaughters, Jessica (Lanaki) Wong and Sarah; two great grandchildren, Renea and Izrael and two brothers, Ronald of Burlington and Gene of Sperry.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Jim.

Memorials may be made to Bergen Lutheran Church, American Cancer Society or the Ames High School Mathematics Department.



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#### Adina Sterling

Mrs. Hanson taught me calculus, and how to have a lust for life. I'll never forget how she took a break one day and let us teach her the Macarena (yes, it was the 90s). She had such an impact on me, and I went on to major in chemical engineering, then eventually a PhD. Of all the teachers I ever had, she was 100% a class act - sophisticated in how she presented, intuitive, understanding what you did not understand before you could verbalize it. If all teachers were like her. . .



#### Ann Helt

Ann Helt Ames High School class of 1965 Miss Stanford was my homeroom and math teacher as well guiding me through the job of Girls Club Treasurer. I remember her very fondly for her earnest, kind, quiet approach to teaching. She was a fair and effective teacher and one of my favorites. She obviously led a full and good life. My heartfelt sympathies go to her family and friends.

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### Laura Wright

I didn't know Marilyn until she had retired from teaching, and yet was still tutoring and helping students at Ames High School. Her son Rick is married to my cousin Elena. At family gatherings, she was always friendly, interested in others' lives, and she made the best cinnamon applesauce. It's really lovely to see how many lives she touched during her impressive and dedicated teaching career. Godspeed, Marilyn, prayers for all of you ♥□



#### Clay McEvoy

Very sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing. She was a GREAT teacher, probably the most impactful I had. I still have very fond memories of her (27 years later). My thoughts and prayers to her friends and family. God bless. --Clay McEvoy, Ames High Class of 1993



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"Heavenly and Harmony" was purchased for the family of Marilyn Irene Hanson

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# B Belinda Lyons

Glen Stafford worked on my grandparents' farm near Pleasant Grove and lived with them as a family member. When I went to high school in Mt. Pleasant, Marilyn was a classmate. Later I was a teacher in Ames, and there was Marilyn! Many parallels in our lives...Today three friends and I were having lunch together and remembering Mrs. Hanson as a teacher of our children. She was heralded as a true master teacher, dedicated to her profession and to her students. Her knowledge of math was prodigious, but even more important was her ability to teach her subject and her intuitiveness about her students. She is remembered with respect and affection.

### LouAnn Cagwin

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I will always remember Marilyn as a kind gentle servant to others and to the church. Without being asked, she came to my rescue at time when I needed a helping hand several years ago and seemed to enjoy helping wherever she could. She had a gift for anticipating others' needs and was a true willing servant. Marilyn knew Jesus and loved and served him. To Marilyn's close family, may God comfort you in your loss. And, may you be keenly and joyfully aware that Marilyn is with her Heavenly Father and is finally HOME. Lou Ann (Hanson) Cagwin (Twedt and Mildred Hanson's daughter)

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## June Nichols

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Aunt Marilyn used to let us stay overnight at her house during the summer for Vacation Bible School..and it was always a favorite time of the year for me. We used to do the 'Jumbles' together in the paper....and she NEVER let me cheat ! We walked many bean fields together, with her yummy cookies as part of the reward. Marilyn ALWAYS had cookies in her freezer, and was always very welcoming to her nieces and nephews. I also had her as a math teacher in high school, and I loved her gentle, yet strict way, encouraging all of the students. She really wanted everyone to understand math... Most importantly, Aunt Marilyn was the person that got to know me when I was a kid. She talked with me and cared about what was going on in my world. In later years, we shared about our mutual faith. I know she knows Jesus....and is sitting with Him right now, completely healed, no pain, no sorrow. Well done Marilyn...you will be missed.

#### Johnie Hammond

Marilyn continued to teach and tutor math for a number of years after she "retired", because it was her joy to teach mathematics to young people. For that volunteer work, she was awarded the Ames Tribune's Unsung Hero award. Good work, Marilyn.