



William Elmer Hanson

October 14, 1922 - July 31, 2013

William "Bill" Elmer Hanson, 90, of Ames and formerly of Clarion died July 31, 2013 at Bickford Cottage in Ames following a lengthy decline in health. Funeral services will be at Bergen Lutheran Church in Roland Monday, August 5 at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow in the Roland Cemetery. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service at the church.

Bill was born on October 14, 1922 in Roland, Iowa to C. Elmer and Amy Berdella (Swenson) Hanson. He grew up on a farm north of Roland. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He married Dorothy Larson on June 22, 1948. He graduated from Iowa State University, Ames with an Industrial Arts degree and later returned for his masters degree. He taught industrial arts and driver's education at Clarion High School from 1950 to 1984, when he retired from teaching, but continued to teach summer driver's ed. for many more years. In his 50 years of teaching driver's ed., he taught over 3,300 students and 160 adults.

Bill and Dorothy lived in Clarion until moving to Ames in 2012. He enjoyed photography, and worked for Mueller's Studio as a part-time photographer for 20 years and was a member of the Fort Dodge Camera Club. He was a lifelong motorcycle enthusiast, and he also enjoyed fishing, traveling with their trailer, and camping. They wintered in Florida for many years.

He is survived by Dorothy, his wife of 65 years; two sons, Randy and his wife Joan of Eden Prairie, MN and Michael and his wife Jane of Baxter, Iowa; 5 grandchildren, Sara, Corey, Katie, Jared, and Nicole. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Christopher Hanson.

Cemetery

Events

Roland Cemetery

Roland, IA, 50236

AUG 5 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

5

Bergen Lutheran

101 West Maple, Roland, IA, US, 50236

AUG 5 **Funeral Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

5

Bergen Lutheran

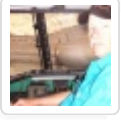
101 West Maple, Roland, IA, US, 50236

Comments



“ Sorry for your lose I had Mr. Hanson for a teacher he will be greatly missed

susan reyna - August 06 at 08:11 PM



“ Sending my sincere condolences to the entire Family and Friends of William (Wild Bill) Hanson. He was a great role model and Teacher of many, many students, plus he was a great guy to know. He will be missed.

Mark Clutter former Clarion resident
Now in Ft Collins,Co

Mark Clutter - August 05 at 09:05 PM



“ My thoughts are with Dorothy and family at this sad time. I have just returned from a two week bike trip to the east coast and as I was unpacking my bike I thought of how Bill would have enjoyed a trip like this. Members of my family rode with Bill many times to the rally in Sturgis S.D. Bill especially enjoyed our mid week trip to the lake for a picnic and pictures as we rode the hills. The rides in FL. were always fun, especially the day he left Dorothy in the parking lot. We all had a good laugh, and Bill laughrd the hardest. The riding buddies that have gone before you are waiting to ride with you again.

Barb Pick
Bondurant, IA

Barb Pick - August 05 at 08:49 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hanson family. Bill introduced us to the wonderful world of travelling by motorcycle decades ago. Numerous trips to the Rocky Mountains and the Dakotas with Bill as our tour guide along the way. Thanks Bill, for all the wonderful motorcycle memories. You were a great loyal friend, and will be deeply missed.

Larry & Diane Granger
Formerly of Clarion Iowa
Now in Central Florida

Larry Granger - August 05 at 04:51 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Dorothy and the entire Hanson family. Bill was a kind hearted and loving gentleman. My father had him as a teacher at CHS, and my sister and I had him as a teacher at CHS. I also knew him outside the school setting as a family friend and fellow motorcycle enthusiast. Bill rode bikes with us to Bike Week in Sturgis South Dakota numerous times and also in Florida during the snowbird months. I will never forget the times sitting around the campfire in the Black Hills sharing stories. His stories about Driver's Ed were always the funniest! Rest in peace Bill. Photographs of you will always grace the pages of my albums and memories of you will always bless my heart. (The photo is of my parents, my sister and Bill getting ready to leave for the 1993 Sturgis Bike Week Rally...I am taking the picture.). Julie & Trent King and family



Julie King - August 05 at 02:56 PM