

Halvorson-Johnson Funeral & Cremation Care

Robert M. Hanson

(July 29, 1924 - August 23, 2013)

Robert M. Hanson passed away on August 23, 2013 at Essentia Health in Brainerd.



Robert was born July 29, 1924 to Olaf and Adeline (Mathison) Hanson in Detroit Lakes, MN. The family moved to Chokio, MN. He was baptized June 12, 1938, at Artichoke Baptist Church in Correll, MN. They farmed at Chokio, until 1942 when they moved to Nisswa, MN.

Upon graduation from Pequot Lakes High School in 1943, he entered the Army and served in the South Pacific, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and Japan where he was a Master Sergeant. During WWII he served in Radar, as a Supply Sergeant and Chaplains Assistant. He returned home in March 1946 as a reserve and was called back in 1950 to serve in the Korean War.

He married Betty Lou Kruger on February 4, 1947. They had 5 children, David, Nancy, Bonnie, Gregory & Peggy.

He attended Dunwoody Institute and worked as an electrician at St. Peter State Hospital and Cambridge State Hospital.

In 1955 he became an Electrical Representative for the State Board of Electricity and worked out of Grand Rapids, MN. From there he moved to Brainerd and was the Power Use Advisor at Crow Wing Power Electric Cooperative for 7 years.

He opened Bob Hanson Electric, Inc. in 1964 and was in business for over 30 years. He was in the electrical field for 47 years.

Bob was a member of the American Legion Ben Krueger Post 49 in Pequot Lakes and also belonged to the Gideon's in Brainerd and had Jail Ministry for many years. He attended Christ Community Church in Nisswa.

He'll be sadly missed by family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Betty; children David (Cathy) of Texas, Nancy (Paul) Schmidt of Jenkins, Bonnie (Bruce) Toftness of Brainerd, Peggy Thomsen of Nisswa; seventeen grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren; sister, Marion Alleva of Florida; brothers, Don of Ohio, and Jim of Pine River.

He was preceded in death by son, Gregory in 2002; parents; brother, Oliver & wife Lee; sister, Ileana & husband Marlin Swanson; and brother-in-law, Nicholas Alleva.

Services will be held Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at Christ Community Church of Nisswa at 1 p.m. with visitation 1 hour prior to the services at the church.

Interment will take place at Evergreen Cemetery in Nisswa following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Christ Community Church of Nisswa.

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