



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.

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. 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 Details

Rupert Cemetery

450 N. Meridian
Rupert, ID

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **26**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah
1316 South 400 East, Suite A-5
St. George, UT 84790
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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Gail and I went with Arvin and Sherrill to four ICCFA Conventions over the past several years. We attended in Las Vegas, Tampa, San Antonio, and New Orleans. It was great fun for Arvin and I to attend the vendor booths and educational classes for new ideas. We always found some great restaurants to enjoy meals with our wives. These were times to be remembered.



Dick Johnson - September 04, 2017 at 12:56 PM

BG

“ My wife Kathy and I became very close to Arvin and his family. We rented from them and stayed with them all the time we were in Idaho. We lived in an apartment separate from their home. They fully embraced us into their family. Arvin and Son Larry were a big help to us with issues when Kathy's mom passed several years ago. We will never forget the goodness, kindness and generosity that Arvin and his family showed us. We will miss him very much.
Barry and Kathy Goldsmith
Greeley CO

Barry and Kathy Goldsmith - August 30, 2017 at 07:08 PM

PC

“ Sorry to hear of his passing. He was a great man. He will be missed.

Paul and Nancy Coltrin

Paul Coltrin - August 29, 2017 at 12:16 PM

LR

“ 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 06:51 PM

DA

“ *Sheryl, Larry and family!*

So sorry to hear of Arvin's passing. He was such a sweet man. He will always hold a little part of my heart. I still have note he wrote that got mixed up with some receipts he gave me and it hangs on my wall and something I will cherish forever. For now he is no longer suffering and you will all see him again some day. Prayers go to all of his family!

Daynene Snyder

Daynene - August 25, 2017 at 04:13 PM



“ *He was a great man, many memories , when we were growing up , he would let us eat his apples as long as we put the apple core in his garden , first time I ever ate a honey dew melon was from his garden . You will be greatly missed Mr. Hansen .*

Stephen Lyle - August 24, 2017 at 04:46 PM

CC

“ *Arvin was an awesome man, stalwart in the Church of Jesus Christ. He was a true friend and great example to all of us. He will be missed by many and loved by those who greet him in Heaven. Our love and prayers are with his family at this time. God Bless you all until you are together again. Love Ernest and Carol Christensen*



Carol Christensen - August 24, 2017 at 01:35 PM

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“ I remember him as President Hansen but i will remember him most when he helped our family when my dad passed. He is an awesome man and I'm very sorry for your loss. It's comforting to know you will see him again.

Rachael Spaulding (Burbank) - August 24, 2017 at 01:14 PM

CG

“ He will always be President Hansen to me. Our family will always have a special place in our hearts full of love and gratitude for how he touched our life's. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family.
Richard & Cleo Gallegos

cleo gallegos - August 24, 2017 at 12:15 PM

KB

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Your dad was so nice. Helping so many people at their hardest times. My mother included. God bless your families. Kathie

Kathie Brown - August 24, 2017 at 09:50 AM

TM

“ Arvin Hansen was a wonderful man. He helped me bury three of my children in the Rupert Cemetery. God bless the family in this difficult time. Tom Mortensen Vallejo CA.



Tom Mortensen - August 24, 2017 at 12:13 AM

LM

Such a nice family,He did his job here on earth and taught his children well.He will be remembered by all he helped make difficult times easier.

lavada moore - August 24, 2017 at 10:49 AM

LJ

Great man who always a comforting presence in times of loss. Enjoyed growing up in the old 3rd Ward with the Hansen family. So sorry for your loss, but I know you are blessed and comforted, as you have helped so many other families.

Lorri Dunn Juno - August 24, 2017 at 06:38 PM

BP

Bro. Hansen was a kind, caring & loving gentle giant who made you feel like you were a part of his family. I've had the wonderful pleasure of knowing Arvin & being his friend for 4 years & I found out what a Christ-centered man he was. He loved his family and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I know that on the other side of the veil there are those who are welcoming him. I will so miss seeing him sit on the first row of seats in the over-flow @ church with Sherrill @ the 12th Ward. My deepest prayers are with Arvin's family and Sherrill during this sad time. May the Lord comfort them. Love & miss you, Bro. Arvin.

Bro. L. Ted Parker - August 25, 2017 at 04:23 AM