



Harold Byron Hanson

Harold Byron Hanson, 88, 3139 Belmont Road, Grand Forks, passed away Wednesday, January 30, 2002, of heart failure in Westminster, Colorado while visiting his daughter, Mary.

He was born January 9, 1913, in Woodside Township, Polk County, MN, the son of Ole and Sophia (Brodert) Hanson. His sister, Margaret Ranning, and brother, Glenn Hanson preceded him in death.

In 1928, Harold was confirmed in Norwegian at United Lutheran Church.

He graduated from Central High School in 1931 and attended the University of North Dakota.

Music was his joy. He recalled recently to his daughters his singing in a trio with Ernest Johnson and Everett Lieberg while they were in high school. They earned extra money performing at various occasions in Grand Forks. These were wonderful memories for him.

He joined the Bjorne Chorus in 1931 and directed the chorus from 1954-1970. He directed the St. Mary's Church Choir in 1960 and the Junior Choir at United Lutheran Church from 1946-1947.

Harold also enjoyed playing the violin in the Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra from 1926-1935.

He married Marguerite Lloyd McLean on August 18, 1940 at United Lutheran Church. Reverend F.I. Schmidt officiated at the service. He and Marguerite went to Minneapolis by train for their honeymoon.

Harold worked as an electrician from 1934-1953, most of those years with A.M. Johnson. During World War II, for four years, he helped rebuild ships in Pearl Harbor and Bremerton, Washington while in the Civil Service.

He started his own business as an electrical contractor in 1953 working until 1997 at age 84. Harold will be remembered for his honesty, his integrity, and most of all, his kindness.

Harold enjoyed playing golf and attending UND hockey games. He and Marguerite had season tickets for UND hockey games for nearly forty years.

His wife, Marguerite, preceded him in death in May 2001.

Harold is survived by his daughters, Susan Sand of Golden Valley, Minnesota and Mary Spelman of Westminster, Colorado and their husbands, Edwin Sand and Ron Spelman as well as his two grandsons, Greg Sand, Hopkins, Minnesota and Ryan Sand, Tempe, Arizona.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Choir Fund at United Lutheran Church, Grand Forks.

Services are at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 8th at United Lutheran Church. A luncheon will follow.