

Paul Leo Hansen was born May 31, 1934, in Big River, Saskatchewan, Canada to Mabel Hanson. In 1954, he enlisted in the United State Marine Corp and served as a field radio operator in Japan. While on leave he married his best friend and love of his life, Joyce Marie Benson. To this union five children were born: Scott, Joy, Michele, Holly, and Jon. After his discharge from the Marines, Paul and his growing family settled in Spring Lake Park, MN.

Paul began his career in dry cleaning while in high school in Battle Lake working for Bill Dealer. After the military, he continued in dry cleaning working for various dry-cleaning companies until he finally purchased his first dry cleaning store in Hopkins, MN in 1967. Paul opened several other locations buying and selling stores in the twin cities and Rochester area. He bought American Cleaners in 1978 and moved his family to Alexandria in 1979. American Cleaners was operated by Paul until he retired, selling the business to his son, Nathan in 2002.

In retirement, Paul continued to stay involved in various businesses ventures, as well as spending time with his children and grandchildren. He loved the water, boating, cards and throwing dice. He was an avid Vikings fan with season tickets, only giving up his tickets when his health began to decline.

Paul sailed away to be with his Lord on March 16, 2019, in Alexandria, MN with his loving family by his side at the age of 84. Paul is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Joyce; children, Joy Hansen, Minnetonka, MN, Michele (Bill) Tighe, Minnetonka, MN, Jon Hansen, Alexandria, MN, Nathan (Angie) Hansen, Alexandria, MN; Grandchildren, Paige Tighe, St Paul, MN, Megan (Christian) Menger, Katy, TX, Paul Hansen, Lake Tahoe, CA, Grace Hansen, Ashville, NC; Great-Grandchildren, Hanah, Hadlee, and Holden Hansen, Hannah and Noah Bakken, and Oliver, Patrick, and Thomas Menger.

Preceded in death and together once again in heaven are his mother, Mabel; daughter, Holly; son, Scott; sisters, Marie Anderson, Caroline Fiddler, and Sophia Lampley.

Paul will always be remembered for his strong faith, love for his family and friends, his love of horses, sailing, and adventures far too numerous to mention.

Memorials are preferred to the Alzheimer's Association; 7900 W 78<sup>th</sup> St.; Suite 100; Edina, MN 55439; <https://alz.org/mnnd/donate>



***For Those I Love,  
For Those Who Love Me...***

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,  
But let my spirit calm your fears,  
I gave you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you have shown,  
But now it's time I traveled on alone!*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone...  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*In Memory of*  
**Paul Leo Hansen**

May 31, 1934



March 16, 2019

**Funeral Service**  
First Lutheran Church  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
, Friday, March 22, 2019  
1:00 PM



**Officiant**  
Reverend Greg Billberg

**Guitarist**  
Joel Quam

**Soloist**  
Paula Odland

**Casket Bearers**

William Tighe	Dart Poach
Scott Reed	Duke Anderson
Chris Anderson	Denny Anderson

**Honorary Casket Bearer**  
Vic Morden

**Interment**  
Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Assembly Area #5  
Friday, May 31, 2019 12:30 PM