



Wesley Oliver Hanson

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Born in Wynyard Saskatchewan, Canada on July 9, 1929 and passed peacefully from this life on November 29, 2004 in Tacoma, WA. His family came to the United States in 1944 settling in Bremerton, WA. He graduated from Bremerton High School and received an Associates Degree from Fort Steilacoom Community College. Wesley was proud of his American citizenship. He served 41 years in the Washington Army National Guard and worked civil service at Grey Army Airfield, Fort Lewis as an aircraft mechanic, retiring as the shop foreman in 1987. He worked the past 17 years as an Event Attendant at the Western Washington Fair. Wesley's most valued passion was in his work as a deacon in the Church of Christ and later as an elder. He was "Grandpa" in the church MOPS program (Mothers of Preschoolers), pack leader of the Cub Scouts, and a Bible Camp Director. He was an advocate for children. He leaves his wife Laurice (Wallis) Hanson of 55 years, sons Kenneth Hanson of Tacoma, WA, Carl (Linda) Hanson of Port Townsend, WA, and Keith (Candy) Hanson of Belton, TX; mother Blanche Fleming of Fresno, CA; brothers Erling (Linda) Hanson of Flemington, MO, David (Dawn) Hanson of Central City, NE, and Jim Fleming of Garden City, ID; sisters Shirley (Ron) mason of Fresno, CA, and Madaline (David) Thorpe of Tacoma, WA.; 6 grandchildren, 4 great grandsons, and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by brothers Byron Hanson of Chicago, IL, and Beverley (Jean) Hanson of Kirkland, WA; sister Gloria (Howard) Mahle of Houston, TX. A memorial service celebrating his life will be Saturday, December 4th at 1:00 pm at the Lakeview Church of Christ, 1709 South 112th Street, Tacoma, WA. A private internment at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, WA will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Delano Bay Christian Camp in care of Lakeview Church of Christ, P.O. Box 44347, Tacoma, WA 98444 or to Hospice.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

Uncle Wes was a great man who was quick to give a hug and possessed a smile that could melt any trouble away.##imported-begin##Terri Messing##imported-end##

December 14 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will miss Uncle Wes with all my heart. I remember all the fun he created during family gatherings. New Year's Eve gatherings were so special to me, I recreated them when I had my own family. I take comfort in knowing he's in a better place with his brothers, his sister and so many others who have gone before him. I bet they are having their own family talent shows and Uncle Wes is entertaining everyone. Aunt Laurice, you and the boys are in my heart and in my prayers while you walk this difficult journey. Love to each one of you, Teri Goodell##imported-begin##Teri Goodell##imported-end##

December 7 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Laurice, Bernie and I kept both Wes and you in our prayers everyday. We prayed for a miracle, and asked God to heal Wes. I feel so bad that I haven't checked my e-mail in a while. I know in my heart he is with his savior now. We all loved Wes so much. I hope our conversations together over the past few months were of some help. Our love and prayers are with you and your family now. Everyone that had the privilege of knowing Wes will miss him; he has touched so many people and was special to all. I know I will miss him, I already do, but I will never forget him. Men like Wes are rare and all of us that knew him were certainly blessed. Please call me if I can be of any help. May God Bless You,##imported-begin##Robert D Hanson##imported-end##

December 6 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Laurice, Ken, Carl, Keith and families, Mother and I were so saddened to find out of Wes' passing. We were so glad, however, to have spent the afternoon together back in August. I can't begin to express how blessed I feel to have been able to be with him then. I have such wonderful childhood memories of your entire family, but most memorable was when Wes asked me as a teen to teach little children at church on Wednesday nights. That was the beginning of years of teaching. I pray God will bless you in the coming months. Praise the Lord we know where Wes is and will join him someday. Let Keith and Candy know that if they are in San Antonio to look us up. We are worshipping at Oak Hills. Much Love, Sara (Bishop) Hollingsworth & Family & Genny Bishop

December 5 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Wes was such a wonderful man! You could sure see his master's reflection in his life!

December 5 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have never found a more honest or capable person to work with in my life. I will miss him.

December 5 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

What a wonderful, joyful man was our Uncle Wes. We always loved it when Uncle Wes and Aunt Laurice came to town because Grandma Fleming would make all the extra special goodies. He was (almost, ha!) always willing to share. In turn, we shared our babies with him when he visited because he always missed his own grandbabies. They were very willing substitutes! What a blessing to have had the honor to know and love Uncle Wes. We miss him and will keep you all in our prayers. All our love, Kyle, Judy, Berkley, Brenna, Adam and Abby

December 5 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Our deepest sympathies to the family. Wes will be deeply missed but heaven has gained one fine resident. We will miss his warm smile, his laugh, the twinkle in his eye and his firm handshake. We are so sorry.##imported-begin##Margie, Melody, Micah, Joel & Jeremy##imported-end##

December 3 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sorry we could not be there today. Love Glyn and Ethel##imported-begin##Glyn & Ethel Scott##imported-end##

December 3 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I served in the Guard with Wes for a good many years. I regarded him as a real gentleman and a friend.##imported-begin##Stephen A. Strom##imported-end##

December 3 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My association with Les was with the interem events at the fair. Wes was always there to help make the event go as smooth as possible. and provide you with anything you may need. He was just a gentleman of a guy and a pleasure to be around.##imported-begin##Carl Groseclose##imported-end##

December 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Laurice, you know how much we love you both. We are so happy that Wes has gone to be with God and Christ. How wonderful for him to be home with Gods family forever. We pray that your great memories of your 55 years with Wes bear you up, along with the arms of God, as you grieve for his companionship. May God bless you and the family and keep you in his care. Chuck and Nancy##imported-begin##Charles & NancyWheeler##imported-end##

December 2 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I consider Wes one of the finest as a professional in both the military and in his civilian life. The kind of person one always remembers as a special person.##imported-begin##Brig Gen Bud Stocking##imported-end##

December 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Laurice & family, I think of Wes as one who led his family in Christ as well as countless others and who along with you Laurice, served as mentors and examples to all. What a triumph! 2 Cor.2:14-17. Love & prayers, Lois & Philip Wall##imported-begin##Lois Barnhart Wall##imported-end##

December 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I remember so clearly the first time I saw Wes. You two came to visit and welcome Del & I to Southside and invite us to join the there. Del fell asleep while you were visiting - I was SO embarrassed...we ended up at Lakeview and a few yrs. later so did you.I always appreciated Wes' smile, hugs and words of encouragement! I loved him and you as well Laurice. I will miss him. I am happy to share him with the Lord...I know the angels rejoice today!May God comfort you at this time.Pat BrewerProv. 17:17##imported-begin##Pat Brewer##imported-end##

December 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Family,I will miss my dear Uncle Wes, but I know that he is with all the saints playing his harmonca and making everyone laugh and feel good. My uncle was a gift and a blessing to us all. I will miss him so very much, but I will cherish all the laughs and love I always recieved from my dear Uncle Wes. He always brightened up the room when he walked in and that's what I will hold onto until I get to join him and laugh with him again.God Bless,all my loveKareena##imported-begin##Kareena Campbell##imported-end##

December 2 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Laurice and family, what an privilege to know you and Wes and have your sparkle in my life. I will miss Wes and his wit and great attitude but I know that his love of God is being rewarded and forever more. Be of good courage and we love you and your family. It is great to know you have two solid families, personal and spiritual! With love and affection,Carol Wise##imported-begin##Carol Wise##imported-end##

December 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Laurice, I wish I could be with you and your family at this time of sorrow. I know you will miss Wes but try to remember. . . "say not that death should be dreaded, 'Tis but the beginning of life." Take comfort in the happy memories you've shared. Love you,Dot##imported-begin##Dorothy Napolitano##imported-end##

December 1 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Laurice and family,Our prayers and love are with you.We'll miss his place at church and his ever present smile.Wes ment so much to so many,especially the little children.Also the seniors,Delano,Mops, Fair grounds people,and the church in general.Sam has very special memories at the camp.He was truly a blessing to all of us.We love you all.Marlene and Sam##imported-begin##Sam & Marlene Granberg##imported-end##

December 1 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

CW4 Wesley O Hanson was a most Dedicated,Staunch and devoted soldier to this state and nation. His devotion to duty and this great country is certainly noteworthy....Chief I hope to see you Saturday, however if not, i'm sure we will meet again.Your fellow soldier and friend..CSM (Ret) Roy Swenson....Oh yes! Thank's for the plane rides..##imported-begin##CSM (Ret).Roy Swenson##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Laurice, please accept our deepest sympathies for Wes passing. He will be greatly missed. He left you first so he can find that best place in heaven to build for your permanent home. So, when it is time for you to go, you already have the best house in the block. He always makes sure that you will be well provided here on earth, and over there in heaven. We are praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Louis & Cora Hilliard##imported-end##

December 1 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My sympathies go out to a fellow Guardsman and families. Your dedication will always be remembered as one of the greatest who served his country.##imported-begin##Val Harkness##imported-end##

November 30 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Laurice, you and your family have our deepest sympathies at the passing of Wes. I have so many fond memories of both you and Wes and the times we shared together. Wes always had a smile and a quick wit, just like Gloria and you knew it was only time before he "got you" with one of his zingers. He is a man that truly loved life. All of his work with the children, the church, and the other various organizations that he was involved with are testament to his life. Laurice, we wish we could be with you right now, but know that you remain in our hearts, thoughts and prayers as you cope with the loss of Wes. We love you and pray for your strength and comfort. Love Jay, Carla, Amanda, and Rebecca Mahle##imported-begin##Jay Mahle##imported-end##

November 30 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry to know that Uncle Wes is gone from here; however we do know that he is in Heaven rejoicing with his brothers and sister. I know that Mom was so excited to see him. He was the life of the party, you could always count on him to liven things up. He had a great sense of humor that he shared with others whether they wanted him to or not. He definitely brightened up my life and Buzz's and the kids. We will always remember how he could make even grandma Fleming red in the face by his antics. He loved life and others, it was evident by his life and the way he lived it and what was important to him. We will always remember your visit to Keokuk, Iowa and us taking you to eat catfish in the middle of a corn field. He just could not get over that. And we have many fond memories of life at Uncle Wes and Aunt Laurice's home. Remember the raspberry pancakes? Boy were they good and we think of that time often. We always enjoyed our time together and all the work that Aunt Laurice and Uncle Wes put into making our visits so wonderful. You ALL are in our thoughts and prayers at this time and will continue to be as the years go on. We wish we could be with you, but we will be in thought. We love all of you and are so sorry that you are having to go through this time of sorrow. Love you.##imported-begin##Lanette & Buzz Ball, Jeremy, Emily##imported-end##

November 29 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Laurice, I really sorry to hear of Wes passing, My thoughts are with you. I know that after all the suffering he is in a better place. I also know that after all the years it is hard to lose good person as Wes. Love, Phil##imported-begin##Phil Tannehill##imported-end##

November 29 at 6:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wesley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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