



John Donald Hansen

October 12, 1927 – October 8, 2019

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
710 East Broadway St., Osseo, Minnesota
A Celebration Honoring the Life of John Donald Hansen
Saturday, October 12, 2019 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICELSB 278

Please note the responses of the congregation during the Service.
These responses are marked with a red box with a white "C."
You may remain seated throughout the Service

Welcome by the Family

Granddaughters Melbye Christianson & Griffith Jess

Opening Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"LSB 801

Invocation & Remembrance of Baptism

Psalm: Psalm 23 'The Lord Is My Shepherd'

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Epistle Reading – Romans 8:28-39

Gospel Reading – John 14:1-6

Apostles Creed

Solo: "Amazing Grace"

Sermon – "Do Not Let Your Hearts be Troubled"

Text – John 14:1-6

Prayer of the Church

Solo: "The Lord's Prayer"

Nunc Dimittis & Concluding Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn: "Beautiful Savior".....LSB 537

Officiant — Reverend Daniel R. Burns

Organist — Thomas Hanna

Soloist — James Hersch

Biographer — Jenny Hines

On behalf of the family, you are cordially invited to join us for lunch following the service. Interment took place at Fort Snelling National Cemetery of Minneapolis, MN.

JOHN DONALD HANSEN

John Donald Hansen was born on October 12, 1927 to Herman and Alice Hansen in Minneapolis, MN. He was one of three children.

John attended primary and secondary school in St. Louis Park, MN before graduating from high school in 1946. While in high school John was quite the athlete. He was a 4-year letterman in football, basketball, and track as well as an All-City and All-State player in basketball. After high school he attended Hamline College where he pursued a bachelor's degree in Education. John continued to be involved in sports in college by playing basketball, tennis, track, and football in addition to becoming captain of the football team and a "Little All American".

Shortly after graduating John began his 41-year career as a music teacher and football coach at Osseo High School. During his amazing career he led his football teams to 17 conference championships as well as 1 state championship. His exceptional choirs perennially won the highest ratings at state competitions and often toured the country. While achieving all these amazing milestones John inspired thousands of students and players over the years with his enthusiasm and strength of character. While John was dedicating his life to the education of others, he was also continuing his own education by pursuing a master's degree in education from St. Cloud State University.

John met the love of his life, Beverly, on a blind date while they both were attending Hamline College. They were married in 1949. Soon after starting their life together they began adding to their family by welcoming son Tim in 1950, son Todd in 1955 and daughter Tarin in 1962. Throughout the years John and his family lived at Hamline; and in Osseo, Champlin, and Elk River, Minnesota.

John enjoyed golfing, tennis, playing bridge, and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also loved to go downhill skiing and was the Upper Midwest Downhill Skiing Champion multiple times.

John was a man of many talents! He once arm-wrestled and beat Verne Gagne, who was the World Wrestling Champion at the time. He also was the member of 9 regional halls of fame for both music and football, including, The Hamline University Distinguished Service Award, The St. Thomas College Giant Steps Award, the Minnesota State High School League Hall of Fame, The Minnesota State Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and The Osseo High School Athletic Hall of Fame. In addition to these amazing accomplishments John served in the Navy for two years in submarine operations in addition to playing for many of their football and basketball teams.

John served his Lord by sharing his amazing talents as the Choir Director at St. Paul's Lutheran. The congregation was blessed with his musical direction for 41 wonderful years. On October 8, 2019 John was peacefully called home to be with his heavenly father. He will be greatly missed but will forever live on in our hearts.

*“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?
He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
1 Cor. 15:57*

John is survived by his wonderful wife, Beverly, his children, Tim, Todd (Amy), and Tarin, 5 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and 2 sisters.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Alice, and daughter-in-law, Deb.