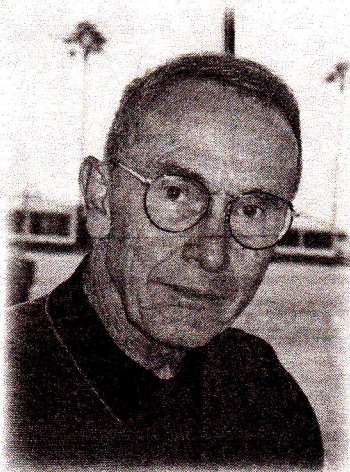


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Joseph D. Hansen



Joseph Douglas Hansen, age 88, of Knoxville, TN, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 30, 2018. Joe (aka Dad, Grandpa Joe, Uncle Joe or Papa) is survived by his children Chris (wife Isabel, daughter Melanie), Ted (wife Jennifer, children Ben & Sarah), and Laura Richards (husband Alvin, children Nicholas & Julie); his brother Jim (wife Marge, children Jim, Anne & Eric & their families); and nephews Ted and Dean Kellogg. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Violet and Joseph Hansen of Hurley, South Dakota, his first wife and mother of his children, Barbara (Kellogg), and his second wife, Kay (Wolfe).

Dad was born in Viborg, South Dakota on July 18, 1930, then relocated with his family to nearby Hurley in 1943, where he would graduate from Hurley High School. He enrolled in the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, and within a few months of enlisting in the Rapid City National Guard during his sophomore year, he was called into active duty (1950) and sent to Germany where he served as a radio operator. After returning

to finish school and graduate in 1954, Dad was hired on as a mechanical engineer for Boeing in Seattle. He completed his master's degree in engineering from the University of Washington in 1960, and went on to serve a total of 20 years with Boeing, with opportunities to work on projects including the B-52 bomber, Saturn V/Apollo spacecraft missions, and the Lunar Rover (Seattle, WA and Huntsville, AL). Later he signed on with TVA in Knoxville, where he spent 16 years working primarily on power plant stress testing. Post-retirement he worked with FEMA on hurricane disaster response projects.

As a bachelor, Joe loved snow-skiing and mountaineering in the Cascades of Washington State, and volunteered with the Seattle Mountain Rescue. He also enjoyed traveling and performing with his folk dancing group. As a father, Dad was heavily engaged with his children in Indian Guides, Boy Scouts, and competitive swimming, including as co-founder of the Gulfwood Swim Team in 1978.

Joe remained active at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church for 40+ years, involved with the choir, Emmaus Sunday School class, a Thursday bible study group, the Prison Choir Ministry, and other social activities. He was also an avid bike rider, serving a stint as president of Knoxville's Smokey Mountain Wheelman. Nicknamed 'Cy-

cling Joe', he often rode his bike to work. He even joined the West Side YMCA Masters Swim team with Mom for a short time (swam like a rock!). Dad also volunteered his carpentry skills for Habitat for Humanity and several other charitable organizations.

Grandpa Joe was blessed to have a long and active retirement with opportunities to travel the world with his wife, kids and on church missions, checking off all continents except Antarctica; he was particularly proud of his mission trips to Peru and Hungary. But nothing would be more fun than to meet his brother Jim with each of their families for a reunion at Swan Lake and Hurley, South Dakota every few years, which continued throughout his life. More recently, he enjoyed playing bridge at the Frank R. Strang Senior Center. An amazing handy man, Dad was in high demand with his kids, friends and neighbors for projects ranging from minor repairs to whole home renovations.

Up until the very end, Dad was active and independent. He seemed content and at peace. He was a wonderful father, husband, brother and friend. He served as a strong and stabilizing force in the lives of those close to him. We will miss him dearly and our hearts are aching.

The memorial service for Joseph Douglas Hansen will be held on Saturday, November 10 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in Knoxville. Visiting with family will occur at 10:00 a.m.