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John D. Hanson, age 94, of Plover, WI, passed away peacefully after a courageous 4-year battle with cancer on Monday, January 6, 2025, at the House of the Dove by Compassus in Marshfield, WI. He was born on November 4, 1930, in Bloomer, WI, to the late John "Jack" W. and Donna V. (Devereaux) Hanson.

John proudly served in the United States Army from November 11, 1950, until his honorable discharge on November 1, 1956, having served during the Korean War. On September 11, 1954, he married the love of his life, Joyce E. Danielson, in Waupaca, WI. Together, they shared 60 years of marriage before Joyce's passing on February 15, 2015.

After completing his military service, John worked as an installer and repairman for the Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company, retiring in 1985. He was recognized for installing the first touch-tone telephone in the mayor's office in Stevens Point, WI—a milestone that earned him a feature article in the local newspaper. His career sparked a lifelong interest in collecting telephones, a hobby that brought him joy for many years. After his retirement from the phone company, John continued to work as a custodian at Midstate Technical College in Stevens Point. Throughout his working career, he continued his military service by serving with the 410th Signal Co. Army Reserve in Junction City, WI for many years.

John was a proud veteran who was deeply honored to participate in two memorable trips later in life. In November 2014, he traveled on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to the veterans who served in World War II and the Korean War. In October 2022, via son David's affiliation with the Korean Defense Veterans Association (KDVA) through his prior service in Korea, John traveled with his son and grandson to Korea, making it a three generation Army veteran journey. John was the only Korean War veteran on this historic trip.

Outside of his military and professional life, John took great pride in caring for his lawn, painting, and sharing his favorite fruit Life Savers with family and friends. John was a member of the



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Plover VFW Post #10262, the American Legion Post #543, and the DAV. After his 2020 cancer diagnosis his children rallied around him. They made sure he was comfortable and well-fed through the tasty meals his daughter, Holly, prepared for him, and his son, Tom, helped take care of home maintenance and lawn work. John was known for his kindness, his love of storytelling, and the deep connection he had with his family. He will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends. His legacy of service, love, and dedication will continue to inspire those who knew him.

John is survived by his three children: David (Peggy) Hanson of Stevens Point, Thomas (Sharon) Hanson of Waupaca, and Holly Morgan of Plover; seven grandchildren: Nicholas (Lacey) Hanson of Tulsa, OK, Austin (Shannon K.) Hanson of Stevens Point, Amanda (John N.) Hanson of Stevens Point, William Hanson of Madison, Dustin (Holly E.-K.) Karcheski of Plover, Dylan Karcheski of Plover, and Dayne (Savannah P.) Karcheski of Wisconsin Rapids; as well as eight great-grandchildren: Grey, Barrett, and Hazel Hanson; Sam Hanson; Arden Etlicher-Karcheski and Lillian Etlicher-Karcheski; and Everett and Owen Karcheski. He is also survived by his brother, Larry (Lil) Hanson of Stevens Point; two sisters-in-law, Carmen Hanson of Beaver Dam and Sharon Martin of Appleton; brother-in-law, Steven (Carolyn) Danielson of Waupaca; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife, Joyce; his brother, Robert Hanson; his sister, Donna (Walter) Radley; a sister-in-law, Carol Schreiner; and a brother-in-law, Charles Martin.

The family would like to extend thanks to the VA, Compassus, Synergy, and the hospice workers for their assistance and care.

A Funeral Service honoring John will be on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 1:00 PM at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca, WI. Pastor Scott Wolfram from Divine Word Lutheran Church in Plover will officiate. A visitation will be held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the funeral home. Following the service, burial will take place at the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in King, WI, where full military honors will be performed. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in John's memory to a veterans' charity or organization of your choice. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

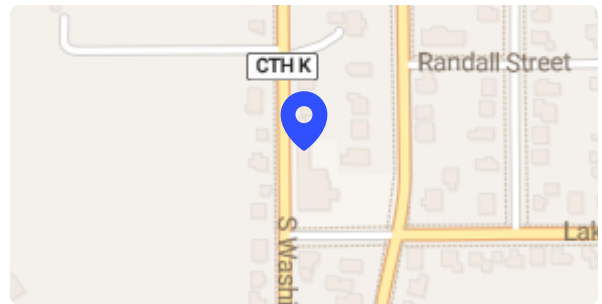


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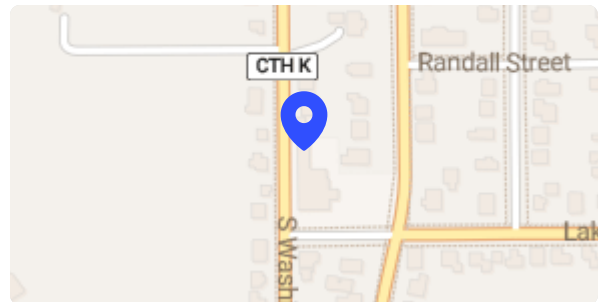
Visitation

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- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM CT
- A. J. Holly & Sons (Waupaca)**
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Cemetery Details

- Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery**
N2665 County Road QQ, King WI 54946

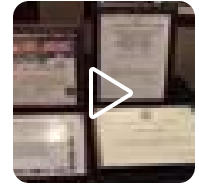


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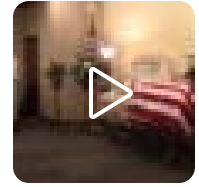
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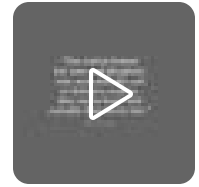
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David J Hanson sent a virtual gift in honor of John.

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January 17 at 5:50 AM



Peggy Schleizer sent a virtual gift in honor of John.

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January 10 at 3:35 PM



Connie Dahms lit a candle in honor of John.

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January 10 at 12:33 PM



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CM

Chris Martin posted:

Dave, Tom and Holly, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your Dad and my Uncle was one of the greatest examples I had growing up of a strong, loving devoted and happy man. I hope I have learned at least a few things from him. I always looked forward to seeing him and your Mom when I was a kid and later on when I came home. I'm so happy that they will be back together again. When Ann and I moved to Madison, we came and visited them. Your Mom overfed us and your Dad peppered us with questions about where we'd been and where we were going. He was always interested and encouraging. I'm so happy he was my Uncle. I'm sorry that we won't be able to make the ceremony but my Mom and brother should be there. We'll be sending our thoughts from Utah and hope to see you soon. Much Love. Chris & Ann Martin

January 9 at 9:45 AM

MR

Mark & Judy Rustad January 11 at 3:56 PM

David, Tom, Holly and extended family. Mark and I were so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a good man, a great neighbor to us and a friend to my Mom and Dad while they were alive. He was always so proud of all of you and the grandchildren. when I did talk to him that's who he talked about. He had a wicked sense of humor, and such a wonderful smile and laugh. He will be sorely missed. He and Joyce are now looking down on all of you with love. our heartfelt prayers to all of you. Our thoughts are with you. Mark and Judy Rustad

TK

Tom Koziol January 11 at 10:35 AM

To the Hanson family, from our Koziol family: Dave and I became friends in 9th grade at Ben Franklin. Not long after I was one of those wandering strange kids that were friends of Dave's that would hang out at the Hanson house with our bicycles at first, followed by many years of hopped-up clunker cars we all put together in the driveway. Over many years of growing up together, I became known to John & Joyce and soon found them to be a beloved second set of parents. The Hanson Family hospitality was generously shared with me, and later with my wife Terry after our own marriages. Over many memorable holidays, family occasions and backyard beer visits on those great summer days we were made to feel right at home with the Hansons. After my own dad unexpectedly passed away in 1993, I (we) suddenly needed a little more John-time to get that reassuring dose of our own missing dad's-time with us. The Hanson house was always filled with big laughs, sometimes some unexpected catastrophies, but always lots of love and appreciation around a dinner table and a living room chat afterwards. Terry and I grieve with you all at this time as we did when mom Joyce left us too soon. But, this time your Dad was called-up for duty once again personally by the highest ranking leader we know, and in our sorrow we can only be thankful and grateful for all that big John meant to each of us, and be happy for him that his reunion with Mom Joyce, his family and friends will bring us all a little comfort. Your friends always, Tom & Terry



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Tom Hanson January 10 at 2:43 AM

Thank you Chris.



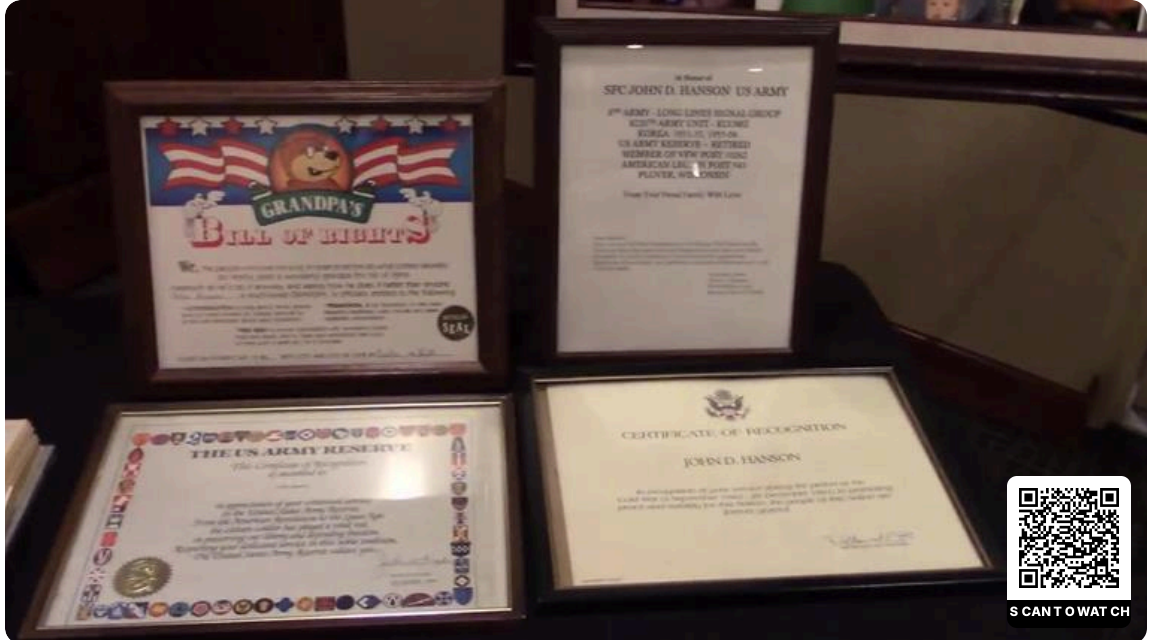
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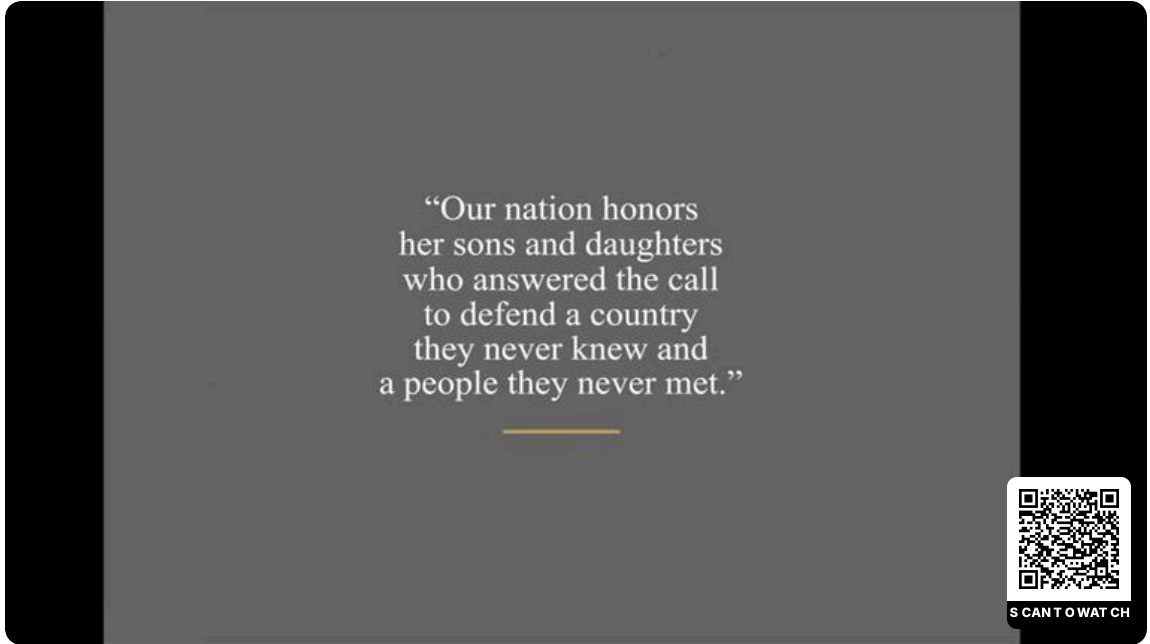
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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