



Frederick E. Hanson

January 12, 1915 - November 5, 2006

Frederick E. Hanson, 91, of N8707 Highway 151, Fond du Lac, died Sunday, November 5, 2006, at Grancare Nursing and Rehabilitation. He was born on January 12, 1915, in Michigan, a son of Ernest G. and Clara F. C. Johnson Hanson. He grew up on a fruit farm in Door County and it was in that rural setting that he developed a strong love for the outdoors and nature. He was allowed to have whatever pets he wanted and given the kind of freedom to roam the woods and fields that few children have. As a parent, along with his wife, Ann, he encouraged the same interests in his children and they all grew up loving, respecting, and finding wonder in the natural world. One of the favorite times for his children was camping in Door County when he would tell them bedtime stories that he had made up. The interest in storytelling was something he pursued after he retired when he wrote stories for his grandchildren, some of which were illustrated by Ann. Frederick's formal education began in grade school in Fish Creek and he then graduated from Sturgeon Bay High School and La Crosse State Teacher's College. Frederick taught in Reedsburg, Wisconsin before enlisting in the United States Navy in 1941 where he served as a Chief Petty Officer. In the fall of 1945, he came to Fond du Lac to teach and coach at L.P. Goodrich High School, until retiring in 1980. While there, he taught boys' physical education and impressed many of his students with his physical strength, although he was not one to show off. Frederick is survived by his beloved wife, Ann Russell Hanson of Fond du Lac; four children: Bruce V. (Kveta) Hanson of Stanton, Nebraska and their

daughter, Myra (Bill) Knapp; Carol H. (Richard) Pollnac of Saunderstown, Rhode Island and their children, Kathryn, Stephanie and Fredric; Roger S. (Lisa) Hanson of Green Bay and her son, Christopher; Sarah W. "Sally" Larson of Fond du Lac and her children, Elizabeth and Benjamin (Jessica). He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters: Edna (Frank) Greenland and Eleanor (Leon) Goldberg. There will be no visitation or service. Frederick is lovingly remembered by his children, nieces and nephews, and their children for his patience, good humor, and willingness to spend time playing with them and their friends. He always seemed to have something funny to say and this upbeat attitude prevailed to the end, despite his failing health.

Tribute Wall

SG

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Sally (Groh) Gibbons - November 12, 2006 at 02:49 PM

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Sally (Groh) Gibbons of Batesville, IN - November 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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Mr. Hanson was very special to me, even as a child. My mother, Joan DesIsles, often brought me to your home to visit. I remember so fondly the feeling of comfort and adventure there, the animals close by, the land and all its gifts such an integral part of your life. I felt at home.

On a very personal note, Mr. Hanson told me how, as a little girl, I would crawl up into his lap. I was without a father and it is to his credit that he let a little girl find comfort in his arms. I thank you for sharing your home with me when I was young and for sharing this wonderful man.

Jacqueline DesIsles - November 09, 2006 at 07:14 PM

J(

“ Betsy, Ben, and Sally: Our deepest sympathies are with your family. I remember many wonderful summers at your grandparents home and their beautiful property, it was like a fairytale to me. It will always hold a special place in my heart, as will the wonderful stories he wrote. Our prayers and wishes are with you all.

Jeff and Molly Resop and Family (Lemke) - November 09, 2006 at 06:57 PM

BR

“ Dear Hanson Family, Mr. Hanson, or Fred as I could call him after I graduated in 1969, was one of the rare ones , ah- but you know this already - he truly was one of a kind. A gentle man, he loved to laugh and delight us with stories. I think the stories often held meaning he was hoping we would find, it was another way he taught us about the world. I saw Fred and Ann infrequently over the years but each moment with them was a celebration. I know the stars shine brighter. Via con Dios Fred - Thank you. Brita Rekve

Brita Rekve - November 09, 2006 at 05:41 PM

MG

“ I remember Mr. Hanson as my most favorite teacher at Goodrich, and my sincere sympathies are extended to your family. I still recall some of the movies he showed our class of his camping/bicycle honey-moon.

Mrs.Joanna Grahl - November 09, 2006 at 04:34 PM

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Michael Traut - November 09, 2006 at 10:27 AM

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Pamela Penn Sprenger - November 08, 2006 at 02:26 PM

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Walter Parsons - November 08, 2006 at 09:25 AM

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