



## Richard "Rick" L. Hansen

September 21, 1958 - November 12, 2023

Richard Lee Hansen was born September 21, 1958 to Gordon and Rita (Smith) Hansen in Omaha, NE. He was preceded in death by his parents Gordon and Rita, and his sister DeAnna.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Jean, his daughters Jamie (Jim) Bussen and Nichole Hansen; son, Richard Charles (R.C.) Hansen; grandchildren Shaylie and Jimmy Bussen; and brother, Jim Hansen.

Rick was raised in Bennington, and his mother contracted polio when Rick was a young boy. Many of his aunts and uncles helped their family, and so Rick and his brother Jim were raised in a large extended family. Rick worked at Publication Printing for 45 years, retiring in June of 2022. The people at Publication became more like family than coworkers.

Rick was very active his whole life including athletics in high school, and softball and bowling leagues after high school. He enjoyed attending league bowling and competing in tournaments with his father, uncle, brother, son, and cousin. Rick thoroughly enjoyed camping with his family. Memorial Day weekend was a tradition at Branched Oaks Park. He made a couple of great trips going to Kansas City with his Dad, brother and son to attend baseball games where the Royals played the Dodgers and the Braves. Another special memory is the trip to Disney World with his family in 2018.

Rick was known to always be there to lend a helping hand for his family, friends, neighbors, and community. He was proud of the 15 years he spent as a volunteer firefighter in Elkhorn, and was an active volunteer at the Elkhorn F.O.E. cooking his famous hash browns at the breakfasts. But his favorite title was Coach - he spent over 25 years volunteering with the Special Olympics and coaching his daughter Nichole and the bowling team.

Rick will be remembered by his family and friends for his quick comebacks. Rick loved music and he always had a running song track playing in his head, which he loved to share with whomever was around.

Visitation will be Friday 9-11 AM at Bethany Lutheran Church, Elkhorn with funeral service at 11 AM. Interment at Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn. Memorials to the family for later designation.

# Cemetery Details

## **Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn**

21901 W. Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68022

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rick. What a great friend and brother to work with. Always easy going and never too excited when challenged. To Jean and Jim, my heart is with you.

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**Rich Christensen** - November 18, 2023 at 11:07 PM

SH

“ The Hanson's lived behind us(Lines) when we lived in Bennington.Rick was friends with my brother Darcy and all of the family. He was a wonderful person When I lived in Elkhorn we ran into each other often. Sherry(Lines) Paden

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**Sherry** - November 17, 2023 at 11:46 AM

JW

“ Coach Rick was loved by all of us in the Elkhorn Special Olympics family. His gentle ways and encouraging pep talks to our bowlers will always be remembered and appreciated. He was a great coach that took the time to understand each athlete and mentor them to be better bowlers and enjoy the sport with their teammates. Thank you for helping us coach basketball as well. You made us all better for knowing you and your family. We will miss you dear friend and coach.

- Jim and Pam Wilcox

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**Jim Wilcox** - November 17, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" L. Hansen.*



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November 16, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" L. Hansen.*



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November 16, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" L. Hansen.*



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November 16, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" L. Hansen.*



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November 15, 2023 at 04:49 PM

SS

“ Sincere condolences - Angie & Ron Sladek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rick" L. Hansen.

Sincere condolences - Angie & Ron Sladek - November 15, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" L. Hansen.



November 15, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" L. Hansen.



November 14, 2023 at 07:20 PM

JR

“ Jeanie and Brad Roll planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rick" L. Hansen.

Jeanie and Brad Roll - November 14, 2023 at 07:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" L. Hansen.*



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November 14, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ *Coach Rick was always so thoughtful, smiling and kind. He was great coach with a happy demeanor. He will truly be missed. Praying for family during this difficult time. My heartfelt condolences. May God give strength to family members during this difficult time. His happy memories will give the family peace and comfort during this challenging time.*

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**Vikram Chaudhary** - November 14, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *Rick was a wonderful person and a great coach. Over many years I would watch him watch the bowlers, and get them in the right lanes and encouraging them to do their best. Not easy to do! Really going to miss his smile and positive demeanor. Jean and Nikki can't wait to give you a great big comforting hug.*

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**Sarah Jaeger** - November 14, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" L. Hansen.*



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November 14, 2023 at 02:59 PM

TF

“ The Elkhorn Special Olympics family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rick" L. Hansen.

The Elkhorn Special Olympics family - November 14, 2023 at 02:59 PM

CB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rick’s passing. Rick was always a “good friend.” Prayers to Jean and the families, you are all in my thoughts; (

Claudia Beasley - November 14, 2023 at 02:03 PM

JT

“ Rick was a great guy. He always was willing to help anyone however he could. And he had a positive outlook and a smile on his face. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Janet T. - November 14, 2023 at 12:55 PM

LO

“ He was one of my all time favorites to work with. I am so very saddened for you by this loss. One of a kind human.

Lori - November 14, 2023 at 12:41 PM

SM

“ Deepest sympathy to the Rick Hansen family. Rick was a very kind and caring person.

Steven D Miller - November 14, 2023 at 10:53 AM

CH

“ Our condolences to the Hansen's, Rick was so good to the Special Olympics and our daughter, he will be missed!

*Chris Harr*

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**Chris Harr** - November 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

TP

“ Jeannie and Jim, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Rick will be missed by many.

*Terry and Monica Pauscher*

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**Terry and Monica Pauscher** - November 14, 2023 at 06:26 AM



JB

“ Our thoughts, hugs and prayers hold you all close.

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**James and Pamela Bussen** - November 14, 2023 at 12:31 AM

