



## Ronald John Hansen Sr

November 11, 1955 - November 10, 2023

Ronald John Hansen, Sr. was born November 11, 1955, in Fairfax, Virginia to Dale and Merna (Hull) Hansen. Ron grew up in Blair and Herman, Nebraska and attended Thone Elementary school and Goll, and went on to graduate from Blair High School in 1974. Growing up, Ron loved working on cars and helping with the family farm near Herman.

Ron married his high school sweetheart, Debra Ann Pleskac on July 7, 1972, in Elk Pointe, South Dakota, and to this union, five children were born: Holli, Ronald Jr., Shannon, Angel and Melissa. Through the years, the family lived in Blair, Herman, and Arlington, Nebraska, in addition to the numerous places they were taken while Ron served in the Air Force.

Ron worked for Kelly Ryan as a welder, at Union Pacific for a short time and a hog confinement in Lyons, NE. He then joined the Air Force in July 1976 where he spent 4 years on active duty, and 4 years in the Air National Guard. He then went to work at Valmont, where he worked as a pantograph operator. He retired from Valmont after 38 years. Throughout the years, he was on the Herman and Arlington Volunteer Fire Department, and he enjoyed helping with his parents on their poultry farm. Most recently, Ron was working as security at Woodhouse Ford, and he also loved helping his grandson's construction business to keep himself active and entertained. Ron liked to go swimming at the YMCA and was fond of going out with family for coffee and pie. He kept his mind sharp by playing card games like Pitch and was active playing Candy Crush and checking up on family and friends on Facebook. He

loved attending his grandkid's activities, cherished his family, and considered all of his friends part of his family. Ron took great pride in playing Santa Claus for different organizations for over two decades!

Ron was a big fan of the Kansas City Chiefs, classic Rock-n-Roll and hot cinnamon rolls. He loved a good cup of coffee or dinner at Mel's Diner or Henry's Diner. His favorite color was blue, and he could often be heard saying things like, "kiss my grandbabies!" "these are my peeps!" "they call me big papa!" or "Hey playa". Ron's favorite moments were the births of his grandchildren and great grandchildren, and his 51-year marriage to his high school sweetheart. Ron never met a stranger, and was always smiling, laughing and socializing. He had a twinkle in his blue eyes that was charismatic and a smile that was infectious, and he was hands down the best provider for his family. Ron loved with his whole heart, and he wanted everyone around him to be entertained and feel welcome.

Ron passed away unexpectedly as a result of an accident on Friday, November 10, 2023, one day before his 68th birthday. He was preceded in death by his parents Merna & Dale Hansen, grandson Austin Hansen, brother Steven Hansen, and parents-in-law Joe & Nona Pleskac. Survived by wife Debra, children: Holli (Jim) Heinke of Nickerson, NE, Ronald J. Hansen, Jr. of Kansas City, MO, Shannon Hasenauer, and partner Greg Sampson of Fontenelle, NE, Angel & Eric Bokelman of LaVista, NE, and Melissa Hansen of Kearney, NE, many grandchildren and great grandchildren, brother Mark & Lisa Hansen of Bellevue, NE, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

Funeral service 10:30 AM Thursday at the City Auditorium in Arlington, NE. Interment with military honors at the Arlington Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 5-7 PM at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn. Memorials to the Arlington Volunteer Fire Department.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington Cemetery

Road P32  
Arlington, NE 68002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV 16. 10:30 AM (CT)

Arlington City Auditorium  
410 West Elm Street  
Arlington, NE 68002

# Tribute Wall

NT

“ I was Ronnie’s first grade teacher at Goll School and so saddened to hear this news. Sending love and sincere sympathy to all his family.

Nancy TeSelle - November 16, 2023 at 05:06 PM

CJ

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of Ron! He was always such a pleasurable person to visit with and was always able to bring a chuckle and smile to my face.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time and for the journey that you now face moving forward. You will be with him again in heaven. And in the meantime, he will be joining you in spirit enjoying all the wonderful times with all his family.



Carma Jackson - November 16, 2023 at 11:19 AM

LG

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the entire Ron family. I cannot begin to say how saddened I am to hear of the tragic loss of Ron. I worked with Ron at Valmont in the shape cutter department. Oh, the fun we had and the laughs we shared. We never were serious about anything and even when things were serious we thought we were still joking. Ron always was either smiling or laughing and was quite the jokester. He radiated joy wherever he went, brought laughter to rooms, and treated no one as a stranger always spreading kindness. I can still hear him saying "Oh Guff" in any conversation we shared. I am truly blessed to have known him and he will be dearly missed! Heaven surely gained a special angel!  
-Lori Guffey

Lori Guffey - November 16, 2023 at 02:27 AM

DC

“ To the entire Hansen family, I also worked at Valmont for many years and I had the privilege of knowing Ron pretty well. I never worked directly with Ron but I was a Maintenance Electrician so I was able to work with him whenever he had problems. He was indeed a very kind fun loving person who I loved having the opportunity to know and work with!! He would always do whatever he could to help make my job easier. I regret that I won't be able to attend the service but my thoughts and prayers are with you all. You should all be very proud of Ron as he truly was a very Good Man!!

Sincerely,  
Dean Chapman

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Dean Chapman - November 15, 2023 at 11:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



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November 15, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



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November 15, 2023 at 10:32 AM

MK

“ Dear Melissa and Hansen Family, your family was so welcoming when we first arrived in Arlington and what a blessing for our family to have Melissa as our babysitter for so many years. We will be holding you all in our hearts and prayers. May God hold you close and the prayers of family and friends bring you comfort as you celebrate the life of your Father/Husband. Dale, Mary Sue, Nathan, Elizabeth, Emily and Jacob Korus.

Mary Sue Korus - November 15, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



November 15, 2023 at 07:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



November 14, 2023 at 09:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



November 14, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.*



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November 14, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.*



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November 14, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ *Love Bree & Mark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald John Hansen Sr.*

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**Love Bree & Mark** - November 14, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ *I just met the Ron and Debbie Hansen a few weeks ago, and I thought the world of them...I am so sorry for your loss , Ron was so kind and friendly and always wished me a fine day.....*

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**Tamara Tanner** - November 14, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.*



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November 14, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Joe and Mary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald John Hansen Sr.*

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**Joe and Mary** - November 14, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.*



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November 14, 2023 at 11:09 AM



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November 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

DP

“ David Pence planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald John Hansen Sr.

David Pence - November 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



November 14, 2023 at 05:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



November 14, 2023 at 02:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



November 13, 2023 at 08:11 PM

RY

“ Robin Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald John Hansen Sr.

Robin Y. - November 13, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



November 13, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



November 13, 2023 at 03:47 PM

WF

“ Woodhouse Auto Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald John Hansen Sr.

Woodhouse Auto Family - November 13, 2023 at 03:47 PM

TM

“ Just became neighbors with Ron and his wife a few weeks ago. Always greeted me a a good morning, and left by wishing me me a blessed day. Always so pleasant. Will miss our morning chats.

My deepest 🙏 condolences 🙏 to the Hansen family. Ron, Rest In Peace

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**Terry Marshall** - November 13, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



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November 13, 2023 at 03:05 PM

MR

“ Mandy, Kristy, and Robbin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald John Hansen Sr.

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**Mandy, Kristy, and Robbin** - November 13, 2023 at 03:05 PM

VT

“ Valmont Small Parts Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



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**Valmont Small Parts Team** - November 13, 2023 at 02:59 PM

VT

“ Valmont Small Parts Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald John Hansen Sr.

Valmont Small Parts Team - November 13, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



November 13, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald John Hansen Sr.



November 12, 2023 at 08:00 PM

JR

“ Memories of the entire Hansen family will always rank as one of the best part of Arlington and big Ron seems to be in everyone of them. What a great guy to family friends and neighbors. Although you will miss him greatly, he'll be busy as the new social director in heaven.  
Judy Raymond

Judy Raymond - November 12, 2023 at 04:10 PM