



## Richard "Dick" Hanson

November 16, 1928 - March 29, 2015

Richard E. "Dick" Hanson, 86, of Grand Island died Sunday, March 29, 2015 at CHI Health Saint Francis.

Service will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church. Reverend Caroline Price-Gibson will officiate. Burial will be in Grand Island City Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Mr. Hanson was born November 16, 1928 in Jamestown, KS, to Frank and Ida (Andersen) Hanson.

Those left to cherish his memory include three sons and daughters-in-law, Craig and Judy Hanson of Janesville, WI, Brad and Jan Hanson of Bartlett, IL, and Paul and Deb Hanson of Lee's Summit, MO and a daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Ed Wright of Milwaukie, OR; brother, Dean Hanson and sister, Ann Hanson.

Additional survivors include eight grandchildren, Becky (Matt), Kait, Eric, Michael (Maureen), Jared (Megan), Jeff, Teresa and Paige; and one great-grandchild, Kaiden.

His beloved wife, Imogene "Imo" died the day after Dick, March 30, 2015. He was preceded in death by a sister, Fran Evans and sister-in-law, Dorothy Hanson.

Dick received his education in the public schools of Concordia, KS. He then went to Kansas State University, where he graduated in 1955 with a Master's Degree in Agricultural Engineering. He was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho

social fraternity, Steel Ring honorary society, Sigma Tau Scholastic honorary society, Cadet Colonel in the Air Force ROTC, and was on the varsity track team.

He was united in marriage to Imogene Davis on January 29, 1950. They lived in Manhattan, KS, where Dick worked for KSU for five years doing research in irrigation. In 1956, the couple moved to Peoria, IL, where Dick worked for the Nelson Family in all phases of irrigation equipment which included vice president of engineering, developing new products, and marketing turf and agricultural sprinkler and irrigation equipment. His career with Nelson spanned 47 years.

Initial irrigation products were the Big Gun for traveling sprinklers and end guns for center pivots. The success of these products launched a division to develop and market all types of agricultural sprinklers. Most successful were those being used on center pivots.

Nelson Irrigation was moved to Walla Walla, WA and in 1975 Dick elected to move to Grand Island to establish further product ideas and market Nelson products to manufacturers and dealers.

Dick's father died when Dick was in 2nd grade so he had no role model. But despite this he was a wonderful husband, Dad, and Papa. He was always fair, honest, generous and non-judgmental, not only with his family, but with all who knew him. He instilled love, respect and work ethics in his children, which makes them the special people they are today. Dick's first love was his family, for whom he planned many family get-togethers, including an Alaska Cruise for the whole family.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and played a competitive game of tennis until age 76.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association. [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Dick" Hanson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I have very special memories of Dick and IMO. They were both amazing people. I met them at the Grand Island racquet club and became vey good friends. They had a wonderful sense of humor and a lot of love for life , family and friends. At our 25th wedding anniversary, Dick was the presiding "minister" who renewed our vows. The "vows" were written by IMO and other tennis friends.. . Very unique and hilarious! We all loved them and will miss them so much. So happy for them that always have been and always will be together. Truly a wonderful couple.*

*Sharon Pollock*

*Frisco, Texas*

Sharon Pollock - April 03, 2015 at 09:56 PM



“ *Hugs to everyone during this difficult. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Oren and Sharon Holle*



Sharon - April 02, 2015 at 04:12 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Hanson.*



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April 02, 2015 at 12:08 PM



“ *My condolences to the families of Dick and Imo. I always enjoyed working with Dick. He always had a positive attitude. It showed both with his enthusiasm introducing a new Nelson product or hanging on a pivot overhang adjusting a P100 end gun. I was able to meet Imo at many Irrigation Association meetings over the years and after retirement occasionally at the Saddle Club for Sunday fried chicken. I am glad I was able to know them both. Doug Soderquist / T-L Irrigation Co (Retired)*

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**Doug Soderquist** - April 02, 2015 at 10:54 AM



“ *Mike Falter lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Hanson*



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**Mike Falter** - April 02, 2015 at 08:50 AM

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“ In February of 1966 Dick came to my home in Bartonville Illinois and interviewed me for a "temporary" position as a Model Maker in L. R. Nelson's Engineering Department. That "temporary" position lasted 46 years with Dick being my supervisor as a Model Maker for 4 years and then as my resource for production guidance for our Big Gun and Brass Impact sprinklers for another four years.

*During the transition from L. R. Nelson to Nelson Irrigation Walla Walla from 1972 until 1974 Dick worked with me on a daily basis adjusting product output to meet customer needs.*

*The time spent working for and with him proved to be rewarding as well as challenging as Dick was quite intense when it came to product development and product performance. He was always aware of the need to follow through on any commitment to our customers making sure that every aspect of a customer order was correct.*

*He never asked for more from me than he was willing to give.*

*Skip Harrold*

*Nelson Irrigation Corp.(Retired)*

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**Charles "Skip Harrold"** - April 01, 2015 at 06:10 PM

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“ *Though many years have passed, we remember Dick as a feisty but fair competitor. We always enjoyed the times we spent together.*

*The crew at Senninger Irrigation*

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**Mark Healy** - April 01, 2015 at 12:03 PM

MT

“ Dear Paul Hanson Family,  
I am saddened by Dick & Imo's passing. They were together all of their lives and will be together forever! I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all.

Love  
Melissa Tsvirko, St. Louis

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Melissa Tsvirko - April 01, 2015 at 11:28 AM

DS

“ We loved imo and Dick and are glad they passed together. Will always cherish Imo's laugh and Dick's twinkle. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family.  
Dick and Kay Schisler

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Dick Schisler - March 31, 2015 at 09:44 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Hanson.



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March 31, 2015 at 07:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Hanson.



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March 31, 2015 at 07:16 PM

LK

“ I have many fond memories of working with Mr. Dick Hanson. Dick was one of the most professional, yet very personal sales executive. He would look you in the eye while shaking your hand, instilling a high level of trust and confidence. He was very distinguished representing Nelson Irrigation and himself.

Larry Kurtenbach  
Director of Purchasing  
Lindsay Corporation  
Lindsay Nebraska

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Larry Kurtenbach - March 31, 2015 at 04:49 PM

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“ Your friends at Lindsay Corporation purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard "Dick" Hanson.



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Your friends at Lindsay Corporation - March 31, 2015 at 04:27 PM