



## John R. Hansen

November 6, 2020

John Raymond Hansen, 70, of Grayslake, IL, died after a long illness, but died peacefully surrounded by his beloved family at home on November 6, 2020. He was born in New York City on Feb. 1950, but traveled his young life throughout Europe as an army dependent with his parents, Joseph and Winifred Hansen and brothers, Richard and Michael, all deceased.

As a teen, they moved back to the states and John graduated from Highland Park High School in 1967, enjoying his athletic career as a football player for the high school and college football at the University of Wisconsin, Madison as a safety. He was drafted into the army in 1972 and served in Vietnam.

His love of all sports included coaching boys football in Wisconsin and with the Libertyville Boys Club to high school football, where he had such fond memories of the coaches and players. Also, he had the privilege of coaching boys baseball for many years.

John was a printing broker for 25 years and retired last year from a successful career to spend retirement fishing, traveling and spending quality time with his wife and all ten of his grandchildren. He enjoyed teaching them how to fish and the fundamentals of just being a kid.

John is survived by his wife, Kathy Hansen and their four children, Michael,

Matthew, Erika and Kelly Hansen, who will miss him greatly, but will always remember his warm smile.

A graveside service for his family will be held at 1:00 pm Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020 at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Previous Events

## Chapel Service

NOV **18**. 1:00 PM.

Ascension Cemetery  
1920 Buckley Road  
Libertyville, IL

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



1950 Football Team

Jeffrey Horvat - November 17, 2020 at 09:30 PM

JH

“ 5 files added to the album *Coach John Hansen Football Teams*

staff John played baseball and football at Highland Park High School. He went on to play at the University of Wisconsin as a safety. John then coached at Central High School in Salem, Wisconsin for three years and later coached youth football for twenty years here in the Libertyville Boys Club program, compiling a remarkable 57-1 record as head coach of the lightweight team. John and his wife Kathleen have three three children: Matt, a senior on our team; Erika, a sophomore at

**John Hansen**  
**Scouting and Assistant**  
**Sophomore Coach**  
This will be John's first year with the Wildcat staff. John played baseball and football at Highland Park High School and went on to play at the University of Wisconsin as a safety.



1950 Football Team



\*\* Team Roster

1 McKeight	Lucas	Coelho
7 BATTISTA	JEFF	John Hansen
11 Breakerich	Chuck	Scott McKeight
25 BINKA	JAMES	Bill Bink
32 Hansen	Markus	Chuck Savickie
33 THAYER	Camy	Sam Starke



1950 Football Team

Jeffrey Horvat - November 17, 2020 at 09:24 PM

LW

“ I am so for your loss. I shared several wonderful years with John, Kathy and Matt as he was both a football couch as well as a baseball couch of my son, Michael. He gave the teams he coached the opportunity to travel both in light weight football (winning the National football championship in Daytona Fla ) as many more traveling opportunities through baseball. So many fond memories of the past. Thank you John. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Kathy, please feel free to reach out. I know how hard this is through the loss of Rick. Linda Ward

linda ward - November 15, 2020 at 03:36 PM

JH

“ 4 files added to the album Coach John Hansen Football Teams



Jeffrey Horvat - November 12, 2020 at 10:01 PM

JO

“ Some of my fondest memories as a kid were playing baseball and basketball with Mr. Hansen as one of my coaches. He pushed me to be my best even though I was far from the best on the team. But even after he coached me, I'd see him at a game or around Libertyville and he'd always be smiling and was so happy to know we were all doing well in our path of life. Our thoughts are with the Kathy, Matt and the entire Hansen family.

Jim Oboikowitch - November 12, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of John R. Hansen.*



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November 12, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ *The Horvat's - Jeff, Judy, and Erin purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of John R. Hansen.*



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**The Horvat's - Jeff, Judy, and Erin** - November 12, 2020 at 02:12 PM

JH

“ John Hansen was a force of nature. Passion doesn't describe it. It was something more. John coached me in Boys Club football and at LHS and there wasn't a player who didn't respect him, because he demanded excellence and pushed us to be at our best. He got everything out of us. Some of the best memories of my life involve John as as a coach. I don't think I encountered a more intense football coach in 13 years of playing and he made us better because of it. He scared the crap out of me at times, but I LOVED it too. If you love football, you love John Hansen. You knew he was ALL in and people follow Leaders like that. He helped develop us into Men to get ready for the challenges of life. After football, I learned he had a softer side and he was also a pretty darn funny guy too. One of my favorite memories was playing golf with him and Matt in Mexico just enjoying each other's company and telling stories. It was important for me to shoot a good game because I did not want to disappoint! (not sure if I succeeded, ha). Most of all he was a wonderful family man and cherrished his children and grand children. He will be missed and I know he helped shape so many of us into better & stronger people - what a stamp on this universe!

To Kathy and the entire Hansen family, my deepest sympathies and love to you, please take solace knowing John, the force of nature he was has improved this world in ways none of us will be able to calculate. What a legacy.

*With Love and Respect, Jeff Horvat*

*PS Go Wildcats!*

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**Jeff Horvat** - November 12, 2020 at 12:09 PM

SD

“ Dear Kathy and the entire Hansen Family,  
So saddened to hear about John but fondly remembering our time together on and off the field at LBC. Such a dedicated and passionate football mind but even a greater person. Oh how he enjoyed his pre-game Hershey bar and Coke! He’s touched so many lives and left this world a better place. His legacy is his family and will certainly will be missed by his many friends. Thanks for sharing him with us. You’re in our prayers.

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Steve Van Demerkt - November 12, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of John R. Hansen.



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November 12, 2020 at 11:00 AM

DP

“ To the Hansen Family,  
Very sad to hear about John's passing. I met John while coaching Libertyville Baseball and Libertyville Boys Club Football. We were instant friends and John asked me to coach the Defense for the Lightweight Football Team. Our sons, Dan and Matt were on the team. John was a great coach with a great insight into how to manage our team. He enjoyed sharing stories about our college football experiences. I truly enjoyed our friendship. John was a tough coach but still maintained a great sense of humor! My prayers are with the entire Hanson Family at this sad time.  
Sincerely,  
Dr. Gary Potempa

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**Dr. Gary Potempa** - November 12, 2020 at 09:39 AM

KR

“ Dear Matt, Megan & Family,  
  
We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. Please know that our thoughts are with you, and our hearts go out to you, during this extremely difficult time. Wishing all of you peace and the strength to weather this storm together.  
  
With love from the Pollina Donohue family,  
Darren, Kristen, Luke & Ellie

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**Kristen** - November 11, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John R. Hansen.



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November 11, 2020 at 02:46 PM

CS

“ *Centralized Sales purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John R. Hansen.*



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**Centralized Sales** - November 11, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John R. Hansen.*



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November 11, 2020 at 10:58 AM

 Sandy Mease

“ *Matt,  
I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of your Father. My heart goes out to you and your family and will keep all of you in my daily prayers.*

*As a part of your Anixter Family please know we are hear to listen and to support in any way we can.*

*Thinking of you and sending much love and prayers to you and yours.*

*Sandy Mease*

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**Sandy Mease** - November 11, 2020 at 10:52 AM

RD

“ *Ray, Dianne and Rita Dawson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John R. Hansen.*



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**Ray, Dianne and Rita Dawson** - November 10, 2020 at 10:49 AM

RD

“ *John was my first cousin as my dad Raymond and John's mom Winifred were brother and sister. I have fond memories of John spending summers with us on Long Island when he was in high school. In later years we would meet for dinner on his yearly business trips back to the New York area. It was always something my dad looked forward to. Our sincere condolences to Kathy and the family. Ray, Dianne, and Rita Dawson*

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**Ray Dawson** - November 09, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ *Was shocked and saddened to hear this last week. I enjoyed every minute of coaching, scouting and hanging out with John. Even the never ending grief/longtime running joke that I should have pitched Matt more as a freshman!*

*John was one of the great ones and I still tell stories from our practices and games years ago. Kathy, thank you for letting him spend the countless hours coaching with me and my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

*Godspeed my friend!!*

*Tony Monken*

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**Tony Monken** - November 09, 2020 at 03:48 PM