

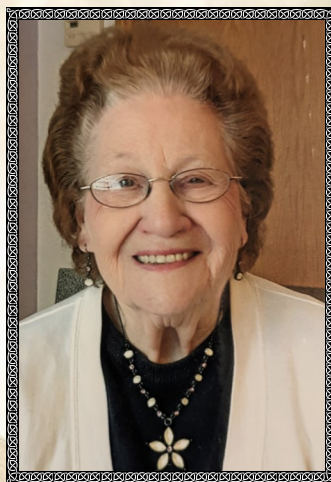
One night I had a dream...

I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and

Across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; One belonged to me, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of my life flashed before us, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that many times along the path of my life, There was only one set of footprints.

I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in my life

This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it.



"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,

*You would walk with me all the way;
But I have noticed that during the
most troublesome times in my life,
There is only one set of footprints.*

*I don't understand why in times when I
needed you the most, you should leave me.*

*The Lord replied, "My precious, precious
child. I love you, and I would never,
never leave you during your times of
trial and suffering.*

*When you saw
only one set of
footprints,
It was then that I
carried you.*

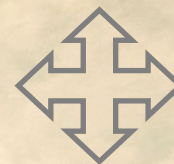


In Loving Memory Of

LaVerne Erma Hanson

January 7, 1925
Elizabeth Township, MN

March 27, 2025
Pelican Rapids, MN



Visitation & Funeral Service
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
Larson Funeral Home

Officiated by
Funeral Director Guy Casablanca
Isaiah 25:6-9
Isaiah 43:1-3
John 11:1-4, 6, 17, 20-27

Music
Processional: "Jerusalem, my happy home"
Recessional: "I know my redeemer lives"

Graveside
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
Saint John's Lutheran Cemetery

Pallbearers
Stacy Hanson Michael Habedank
Richard Bratlien Spencer Bugbee
Odyn Martinez Aleisa Rayburn

The family would like to invite everyone to stay for a time of food and fellowship following the chapel service. Those who wish may also attend the graveside service to follow after lunch.

Larson Funeral & Cremation Service

Honoring A Life Well-Lived

LaVerne E. Hanson, a shining beacon of love, faith, and community, was born on January 7, 1925, in Elizabeth Township, MN, and departed this world peacefully on March 27, 2025, at Riverfront on Main of Pelican Rapids. She lived a remarkable 100 years, showcasing a life steeped in Christian faith that inspired all who knew her.

Raised on a farm in Elizabeth Township as the youngest of seven siblings, LaVerne was a formidable individual, strong and independent, with a wit and wisdom that never waned. Throughout her life, she was deeply engaged in both her church and her community, demonstrating a commitment to serving others that was unwavering. LaVerne married Leonard Hanson on June 30, 1944, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Elizabeth, weaving together a partnership filled with love and respect.

Professionally, LaVerne had a fulfilling career, beginning her working life as a telephone switchboard operator from her home in Erhard during the 1940s. She then became an integral part of Carr and Hanson in Pelican Rapids during the 1950s, before dedicating over three decades of her life to Swan Drug, where she worked tirelessly until her retirement in 1993. Throughout her career, LaVerne built lasting relationships and touched the lives of many, becoming a beloved figure of her community and a committed colleague to many.

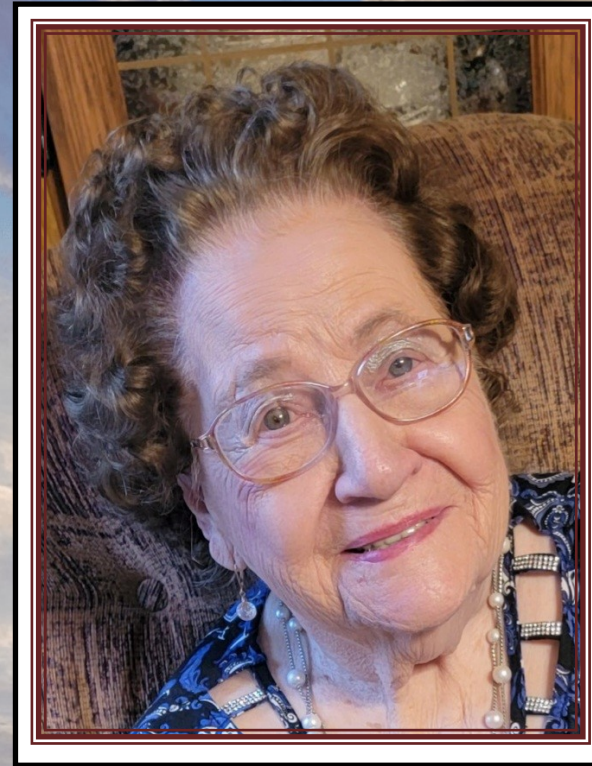
Beyond her professional achievements, LaVerne was known for her exceptional baking skills, particularly her treasured, prize-worthy chocolate chip cookies and delicious bread. Sundays were often a family affair, filled with joyous meals shared with loved ones, and evenings spent nestled in front of the television watching classics like Lawrence Welk and Hee-Haw, popcorn in hand. She maintained a passion for playing card games and enjoyed the harmony brought by Christian music, always surrounded by the warmth of family and friendship.

LaVerne was a proud mother to her two daughters, Deanna Gordon and Gloria Bratlien. She cherished her role as a grandmother to Stacy Hanson, Mike Habedank, Shirley Carlson, David Habedank, and Alan Habedank, and welcomed the joy of great-grandchildren Aleisa Rayburn, Spencer Bugbee, Nicole Miltich, Matthew Habedank, and Madison Habedank, along with many great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. Each generation carried forward her legacy of kindness and generosity.

Her strength and tenacity during her later years was a testament to her character as she proudly remained in her own home until 2020 before making a transition to Riverfront Manor and ultimately to Riverfront on Main, where she continued to be surrounded by love until her passing. As an active member of the VFW Post 5252 Auxiliary in Pelican Rapids, she exemplified the values of service and community.

LaVerne is now reunited in spirit with her beloved husband Leonard; her parents Bill and Emma Kroll; her siblings Viola Orndorff, Myrtle Boese, Beatrice Weiss, Charlotte Boese, Dorothy Dohrer; and her brother Everett Kroll.

As we gather to celebrate LaVerne's incredible life, we remember her warmth, resilience, and unwavering faith that will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know her. She leaves behind a legacy of love that will echo through the hearts of her family and friends forever.



Celebrating the life of
LaVerne Hanson
1925—2025