



Kathleen J. Hansen

June 7, 1928 - April 15, 2026

Kathleen J. Hansen, 97, of Rockwell, Iowa, died Thursday, April 15, 2026, at the Rockwell Community Nursing Home in Rockwell.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, April 20, 2026, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Rockwell. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Mason City. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to St. Peter Lutheran or the Rockwell Community Nursing Home.

“Strong, stubborn, and sassy” are three words that best describe the wonderful woman Kathleen Hansen was. She built a lifetime of being devoted to her family and farm. She worked with her hands her whole life, always did things her way, and was not afraid to tell you how it was.

Kathleen Joan (McNamara) Hansen was born June 7th, 1928, to Gerald “Gay” and Anna (Andersen) McNamara. She was the second oldest of seven. She spent most of her childhood helping raise her brothers and sisters and tending to the farm.

Kathleen graduated from Rockwell High School on May 19, 1945. She married the love of her life, Cecil V. Hansen, Sr., on May 23, 1945, in the Lutheran Parsonage of Rockwell. Together, they started their home on the

Hansen farmstead, northwest of Rockwell. They raised six children there: Judy, Linda, Christine, Cecil Jr, Donald, and Michael. Kathleen and Cecil farmed the land side by side. They also raised dairy cows, chickens, and pigs. Kathleen loved being in the field during the spring and fall. She continued helping on the farm well into her eighties.

Kathleen had a fierce, loving soul. She was “Grandma Kathleen” to many children she babysat over the years, even long after she cared for them. Kathleen loved nature. She enjoyed growing flowers and taking care of animals. If she was not outside tending to her garden, she was inside working on cross-stitch. Kathleen loved making personal gifts for those she held dear. She made many baby blankets, personalized wedding gifts, and wall decor. Kathleen’s joyous love was shared with a smile and a hug.

Kathleen is survived by her children: Judy (Kenneth) Proctor, Linda (Kenneth) Meyer, Christine (Kent) Morton, Cecil Jr. (Connie) Hansen, Donald (Dawn) Hansen, and Michael Hansen. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 13 great-great-grandchildren, her sister Audrey Warner, and many nieces and nephews.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband Cecil, granddaughter Penny Meyer, her parents, brothers Robert, Gerald, Lanny, John, and sister Margaret.

Fullerton Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 123 2nd ST SE, Mason City, Iowa 50401 641-423-8676. Fullertonfh.com Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhomes.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

Mason City, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter Lutheran Church

502 2nd St S

Rockwell, IA 50469

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Funeral Service

APR 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SN

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Kathleen will be forever missed. May she now rest in peace with Cecil. Our thoughts and prayers to all of you.
Rockwell Community Nursing Home Staff and Residents.



Sandy Nielsen - April 24 at 09:28 AM

MB

“ *Audrey and family,*

We express our sympathy. You are all in our thoughts, and prayers. 🙏. May God give you comfort. God bless you all with fond memories of Kathleen.



Harlan and Marge Baack

marge. Baack - April 17 at 09:07 AM

BE

“ *Becky, Tracy, Tyler, and Evan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kathleen J. Hansen.*



Becky, Tracy, Tyler, and Evan - April 17 at 12:17 AM

BG

“ I worked with Kathleen at Wal-Mart. many years ago... She could work circles around a lot of the people there..She had a very good work ethic, that you very seldom see in the younger generations now days.. When I would run into Kathleen out shopping, she always asked how my kids were doing..As she listened, you knew she cared about each one... Rest in Peace, Kathleen...Thoughts and prayers to the family

Becky G - April 16 at 03:44 PM

EH

“ So sorry for your loss. With deepest sympathy...Erma

Erma Haarup - April 16 at 03:25 PM