



Claire C. Hansen

May 8, 1912 - February 6, 2012

Claire C. Hansen, 99, passed away on February 6, 2012 at Samaritan Hospital. Memorial services will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday, February 11th at Kayser's Chapel & Crematory. Please sign the online guest book at www.kayserschapel.com

Claire Clayton Hansen came into this world in 1912 and left this world in 2012. As a 94 year resident of the Moses Lake area, he passed away peacefully with family members by his side.

Claire was born on May 8, 1912 in Olema Washington (Okanogan Co.) to Thomas and Ida Hansen.

The family moved to Moses Lake (then Neppel) in 1917. Claire was the third of seven siblings and the last survivor. The family homesteaded in Mae Valley in 1925 where they farmed and raised livestock. Claire graduated from Neppel High School in 1929 in a class of four. On December 10th 1934 he married Janet N. Ceis, the daughter of Floyd and Elizabeth Ceis. While hauling spuds to Seattle they stopped in Ellensburg and tied the knot. Claire worked on the family farm and was employed by the Grant County Road Department until 1940. At the start of WWII Claire and his family moved to Seattle and worked at Todd Shipyards as a welder and materials expediter. In 1945 he moved his family back to Moses Lake and farmed in Mae Valley with his brother Frank until the late 1950's. In the 1960's he worked in Alaska and Montana as a superintendent on missile sites and the federal building in Juneau after which he was a fireman for Grant County 5 Fire Dept. until his retirement in 1976.

Claire became blind in 1990 but lived life to the fullest in spite of it. His wife, family, grand kids and great grand kids were the center of his world. Claire was noted for his sharp mind and a keen wit. One could always count on his help and advice whether they wanted it or not. He was one of the founding members of the Moses Lake Rodeo Association. He helped organize the Mae Valley Volunteer Fire Dept in 1949.

Survivors include sons: Armand & wife Echo of Spokane, Mick & wife Chris of Moses Lake, Greg & wife Shirley of Moses Lake, Bill & wife Paula of Spokane, Richard & wife Robin of Moses Lake, Roger & wife Marcia of Moses Lake and a close cousin, Alice Neil, of Mesa Arizona. Claire is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Claire was preceded in death by his wife Janet in 2008, sisters Louella Brooks & husband Boyd, Frances King & husband Joe, brothers Russell Hansen & wife Golden, Frank Hansen & wife Wanda. Brothers Willard and Edward Hansen passed away in childhood. Claire will be missed by his family and friends and be remembered for his kindness and generosity.

A special thanks to Lakeview Home Care and their caregivers.

Memorials may be made to the Grant County Humane Society.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 11. 3:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ We are thinking of you and ask God to be with you.

Your family is an example of your Father, Uncle, Grandfather, he was a fine man. I know how hard it is to say goodbye, but he is with you all in your hearts and mind.

God Bless you and keep you all.##imported-begin##Mike & Shirley Woodworth##imported-end##

February 13, 2012 at 10:26 AM



“ Oh Claire....you finally have some rest from those notorious sons of yours!! Those of us who were lucky enough to meet you will NEVER FORGET YOU!! Thank you for the humor you brought to our lives. We didn't get acquainted with you until after you lost your eyesight. That surely didn't slow you down. We will never forget the clothesline you used to "fetch" your mail. You told us that you figured when the boys got ready to get rid of you they would move it so it would take you out on that busy road by your home. They wouldn't do that Claire...you were too darned much fun! And finally I must thank you for "bringing to light" who the prettier sister truly is!

Our love and prayers to all of the Hansen family. Thank you for the memories.##imported-begin##Phil and Donna Heinen##imported-end##

February 11, 2012 at 11:26 PM



“ being considered almost part of the family will miss his crusty advice even if it was usually right
our thoughts go out to the family##imported-begin##Don & Linda Justesen##imported-end##

February 11, 2012 at 07:27 PM



“ Clair was a very kind and gentle man. He always talked of his family. I am very glad I got the opportunity to meet him and work with him. He will be missed in the lakeview home. R.I.P Clair. Thank you for all the stories you have told us.##imported-begin##Pam Patterson##imported-end##

February 11, 2012 at 04:11 PM



“ Thank you for letting me care for him at Lakeview home care. I remember he always used to tell me about his wife. He knew exactly where I lived in Mae valley shocked me. He was the funniest man I've ever cared for and very wise. He always had something to complain about even the night he passed away. I will always miss caring for him. Rest in peace Claire!!##imported-begin##Melissa Rolfs##imported-end##

February 11, 2012 at 04:07 PM



“ We liked him alot! Rondo and Peggy Scott##imported-begin##Rondo Scott##imported-end##

February 11, 2012 at 12:43 PM



“ It was great knowing claire all these years! Seeing him stop in mick's shop on the way home& yes he would have to scrutinize all the goings on ect.!! Then off he went down the road home! But it was after claire went BLIND or maybe PARTIALLY BLIND for AWHILE!! I remember the big smile on his face, when we talked about 2 months ago!! We were discussing his BRAILLE methods of using his hands to recognize the women at the different hansen events he would ATTEND!! Iam surethat there are still a few surprised ladies out there that could attest to his SYSTEM!! Claire was very sharp we spent about 45 minutes in my last visit going down broadway & third avenues he giving me names of former business locations and I having moved here in 1961, telling him if they were still there or what new business was located there now! YES he did in fact have several names that were new to me! From the smith families our thoughts and prayers are with all of the hansen family knowing how close you all were to your dad,grandfather and mentor.Claire will be be missed.##imported-begin##MIKE SMITH & FAMILY##imported-end##

February 10, 2012 at 11:48 PM



“ i so enjoyed waiting on Mr Hansen in food Pavilion with his head of the tribe hat, and wil lalways remember him as the apple fritter man. no matter how old our parents are it is always hard to lose them remember them with love and laughter##imported-begin##Donna Anderson##imported-end##

February 09, 2012 at 11:39 PM



“ Although I did not know Claire personally, I do know several family members and have taken great pleasure in the stories that the family members have related about Claire.

My sincere condolences to the family in your loss.##imported-begin##Denny Thoren##imported-end##

February 09, 2012 at 11:09 PM



“ Claire (Unc) was my Grandmothers (Louella, sissy) brother. She used to take me down the road to his house to visit everytime I was in Moses Lake. I remember pulling fresh carrots from his garden and getting huge pumpkins from him at Halloween as a child. He will be missed by many but is also home with the love of his life Janet and his brothers and sisters. God has laid him to rest in peace.##imported-begin##Shanna Seholm Feb. 9 2012##imported-end##

February 09, 2012 at 09:43 PM



“ Dear Hansen family; What a privilege it was to know Claire!! He was smart, had quick wit, and love to play tricks on people!! We attended a wedding held at Jerry Hansen's house. After the wedding, refreshments were served, and Claire, had his own "punch" bowl!! You could either choose the wedding punch, or Claire's punch. You guess it...we picked Claire's, which was loaded with ever-clear, and had to have our 14 year old son, drive us home!! Claire was still laughing about the incident, 20 plus years later!! We are going to miss him, and loved him, for who he was!! I will have to miss his service, as I am helping my sister for 5 weeks in Spokane. Paul will be at Claire's service, and please know, you will all be in my thoughts!! Cathy & Paul Kersey###imported-begin###Cathy & Paul Kersey###imported-end###

February 09, 2012 at 09:34 PM



“ Unc had the biggest heart and was an extraordinary man. I consider it a privilege to have known him and a blessing to call him family.###imported-begin###Shannon Lee###imported-end###

February 09, 2012 at 08:50 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.###imported-begin###Rich & Peny Archer###imported-end###

February 08, 2012 at 11:36 AM



“ Thoughts go out to the entire family during this time of loss. He was a wonderful father in law to me and I have fond memories of him. Bonnie###imported-begin###Bonnie Polhamus###imported-end###

February 08, 2012 at 11:15 AM