Verne William Hanson

MARCH 25, 2024



Verne William Hanson walked into the arms of our Lord on monday, March 25th, 2024 at the age of 68.

He was born on February 22nd, 1956 to Joan Marie Hanson and Victor William Hanson in Burnaby BC.

Verne grew up in his family home overlooking the ocean in North Burnaby. Brother to Vickie, Joy-Anne, and Jerry, they enjoyed their visits to Lake Errock staying at the family cottage, ice skating, swimming and cliff jumping.

Verne was industrious from a young age, and worked hard to start a life for himself. His height was an advantage for getting hired, as few people questioned his age. He worked several jobs before being hired as an apprentice for BC Hydro where he worked for over 40 years.

He met his wife Kerry in 1981 and became an instant Dad to her 7 year old son, David. They were married in 1984 for almost 40 years (as of July 14th, 2024). In 1989 they welcomed a daughter, Chelsey, followed by son, Chad in 1993. Their son Sanjay (born 1995) joined the family in 2003 from Paramaribo, Suriname.

Verne was a man to be respected and admired. His 6' 4" height and trademark horseshoe moustache made his presence known, but it was his strength of character for which he was loved. His faith in God was evident by action not words, and his sacrificial devotion to his family carried them all. His friends knew him as a quiet spirit, kind and generous. He could lighten any room with his keen humour, and though rarely the first suspect, was known amongst his comrades for his

abundance of pranks that kept everyone from taking a hard day too seriously. In 2020 he became a deacon for their church family at the Free Presbyterian Church in Cloverdale until his passing.

Despite a new hip and little intent of retirement, it became required of him due to his faultering health with Diabetes and Parkinson's by the end of 2022. His wife stayed alongside his every need until a somewhat sudden passing.

Verne is survived by his wife; Kerry Hanson, Son David; daughter Chelsey (Son-in-Law Kevin); Sons: Chad & Sanjay; his Sisters Vicki (Brother-in-law Russ) and Joy-Anne (Brother-in-law Andre); Grandchildren: Lydia, Lucius, Tirzah; Nieces and Nephews: Shawn, Bryan, Tim, Amy, Chris, Quinn, Sonia, Alonzo, Jamie, Noah.

He is predeceased by his Parents; Victor and Joan Hanson; his brother: Jerry Hanson; his daughter: Emily Grace Hanson.

Verne's memorial service:

Friday, April 5th, at 6:30 pm.

Followed by refreshments.

At The Free Presbyterian Church in Cloverdale

18790 58th Avenue, Surrey

Messages of Condolence

We just learned that of Verne passing on to gain his wings. We are so very saddened to hear this news and our love and condolences go all the family. Verne was a great best man at our wedding 50 years ago this September.

God Bless Kerry and family.

— Marshall and Tish Gilson

I remember being a kid growing up with Uncle Verne fondly! Sending you Kerry, a hug and my sincere condolences.
Steph Gilson

— Stephanie Gilson

We are sorry to hear that Vern has passed away, we have known your both for many years. May the Lord comfort you and your family.

— Doug & Lisha Bolt

Vickie, Joy Ann, Kerry and all of Verne's family -
I was very saddened to learn yesterday of Verne's passing. I have many cherished memories of him and of spending time with you all, especially at Lake Errock where we learned to water ski behind Verne's boat!
I hope that memories of him will bring you all comfort in the weeks and months ahead.
Cathy

— Cathy McNeill

So very sad to hear this news of childhood friend, such good memories of Trinity St neighborhood. My condolences to Vic, Joy-Ann, & all the family at this difficult time of loss…

— Laurie Jones

Susan and I are very sorry for your loss. We remember many good times in Port Hardy. Verne was a great man and a good friend.

— Dan and Susan Giesbrecht

I enjoyed working with Verne in Port Hardy at BC Hydro, wear your lineboots and keep the lights on in Heaven Brother Verne.

— David Wayne Berard

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