

JoAnn Hanson

Age 96 of White Bear Lake, Minnesota

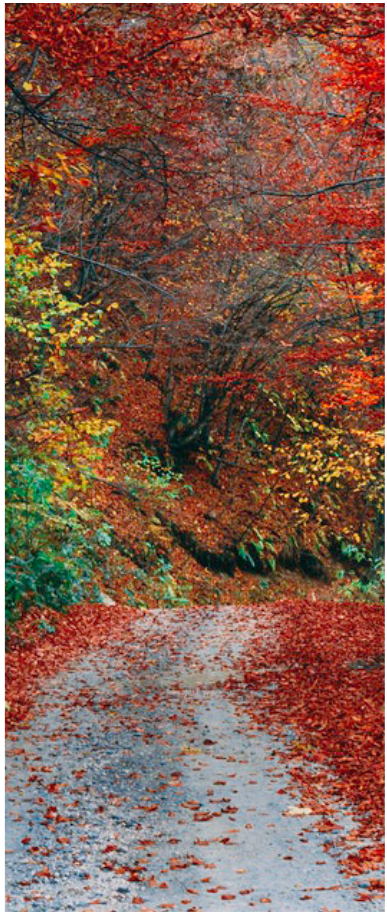


Beloved wife, mom, sister, aunt, grandma, and great-grandma was joyfully and peacefully called home to be with her Savior on August 6, 2026. She will be remembered for her kindness, sweet smile, deep faith, and love for family and friends.

JoAnn was born on April 1, 1930, to Amel and Alma (Bjorn) Bolin at LaSalle, MN. She was the ninth of ten children. She grew up in St James, MN. She graduated from Macalester College with a degree in elementary education. She met Les Hanson, the love of her life, in St James. They married and were blessed with three children, Jon, Tom, and Patti—a loving wife, mom, sister, aunt, grandma, great-grandma, and friend. A selfless legacy, always putting others' needs first. She often moved to other states when Les was transferred with Burlington Northern Railroad or his health required it. She was very disciplined in all that she did, including raising her family, eating healthy, and walking. She enjoyed worship, prayer, and her Women's Circle. Her favorite hobbies were: playing bridge, solving crossword puzzles, and golfing in AZ. Her greatest pleasure was spending time with family and friends.

JoAnn leaves behind her loving family: two sons, Jon (Penny) and Tom (Jen); son-in-law Steven Ihrke; brother-in-law Duane; grandchildren Paul (Alicia), Carissa (Eric), Stephen (Maren), Peter, Jenny, Kaitlin (Matt); 9 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Les, daughter Patti, 9 siblings, 2 brothers-in-law, and 4 sisters-in-law.





Going Home

This isn't death, it's glory
It isn't dark, it's light
It isn't even stumbling or groping
Or even faith, it's sight!

It isn't even grief or sorrow
That last tear now wiped away
It's sunrise, it's the morning
Of our "eternal day"!

It isn't even praying
It's speaking face to face
It's seeing, knowing, feeling
The wonders of His grace!

It's the end of all our suff'ring
There's no more pain to bear
It's seeing all our loved ones
Our Jesus now to share!

It's heaven as He promised
As He meets us face to face
He sought us, saved us, kept us
Through His love and through His grace!

In Her Honor

When giving in celebration of JoAnn's life,
please consider the following organization:

Alzheimer's Association • www.alz.org

Celebration of Life

Aug. 24, 2026 | First Evangelical Free Church | Maplewood, MN

Prelude – Piano

Welcome & Prayer – Pastor Todd Olson

Congregational Hymn – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Family Memories – Jon Hanson (son) Paul Hanson (grandson)

Scripture

Psalm 23

Carissa Reynertson (Granddaughter)

Revelation 21:1-6

Tom Hanson (Son)

Message – Pastor Ron Metzger

Congregational Hymn – "In Christ Alone"

Message – Pastor Todd Olson

Special Music – "Amazing Grace"

Prayer & Benediction – Pastor Todd Olson

Postlude – Piano

Lunch – The family invites you to the Gym after the service for food and fellowship.

Interment

A Private family burial will take place at a later date.