



### WHAT'S THAT, A HAT?

It's straw in summer  
when it's hot;  
and felt in winter,  
when it's not.

It's a ratty old thing,  
held together with a string.  
Spotted with oil,  
dusted with soil,  
The ring on its band  
is the sweat of great toil.

Its crown has a dent,  
The rim is bent,  
The life it's led  
is all but spent.

It may have had an easier ploy,  
if not bought  
by a poor cowboy.

A new one, you wouldn't think,  
would be out of the question;  
But it's really a thing,  
you'd rather not mention.

I tried to tell the old rancher that:  
but he replied - - - quite in fact . . .  
He'd rather be scuffed and laid out flat,  
than to part with the likes of that  
raggedy hat!!!



For my father-in-law  
Sheila Hansen  
1995

### Family Receive Friends

Monday, August 5, 2024 ~ 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home  
with a Rosary at 6:00 p.m.

### Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Miles City, Montana

### Officiating

Father Jolly Pathiyamoola  
& Deacon Tony Sandau

### Music

Soloist : Jim Regan & Kathleen Regan  
Accompanist: Mary Wambolt

### Pallbearers

Keith Hansen, Russ Hansen, Steve Hansen,  
Ann Hansen, Avery Hansen, Hayes Hansen,  
Lewis Hansen & Paige Hansen

### Honorary Pallbearers

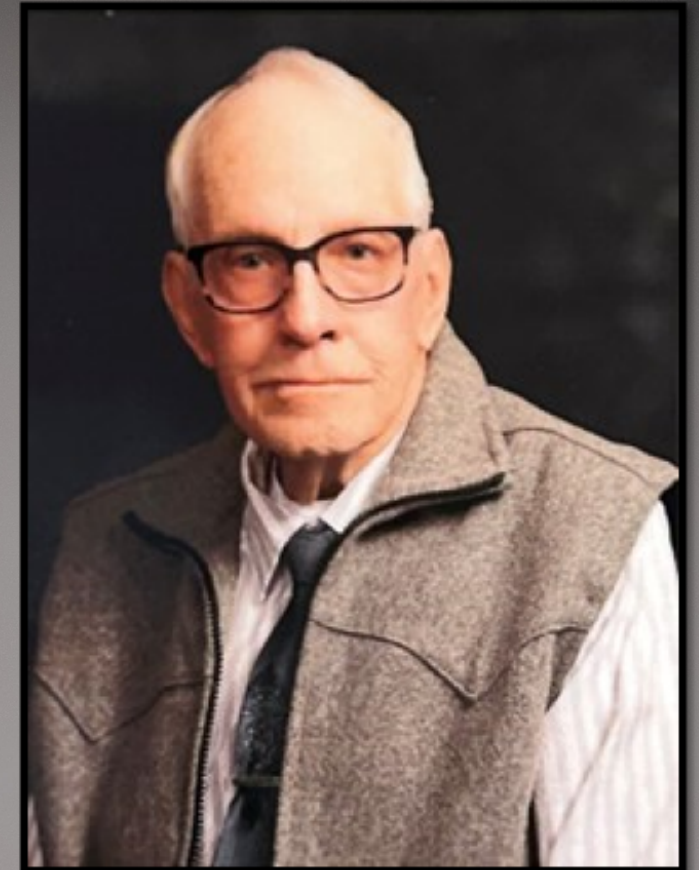
Art Viall, Alyn Haughian & Jim Hagemeister

### Rite of Committal

Will follow in the family lot of the  
Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

Following the graveside service, a luncheon will  
be held at the Riley Center. Everyone is invited.

Arrangements By  
Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home



In Loving Memory Of

*Ejner A Hansen*

December 28, 1934 - July 30, 2024



In the early morning of July 30, 2024, Ejner A Hansen passed away peacefully in his sleep due to acute heart failure. Ejner was in his favorite place, home, comforted by his family.

Ejner was born in the ranch home at Dell, Montana, on December 28, 1934. He was the fifth and youngest child of Danish immigrants, Amos and Anna Hansen, as well as their only son.

Ejner was a rancher from the day he was born until the day he passed. He was raised on his parents' ranch alongside his four older sisters. Ejner often commented that being the only boy was a continuous struggle throughout his childhood, as his sisters would require at least four hours of playing dolls before they would agree to 20 minutes of playing trucks. He attended the one room schoolhouse in Dell from first to eighth grades, then graduated from Lima High School in 1952.

After completing high school, Ejner went to Bozeman to continue his education, but after one week, he knew that his passion did not lie in the classroom. A year later Ejner enlisted in the U.S. Army on his 19th birthday near the end of the Korean War. He was shipped to Korea and spent enough time aboard a boat for his entire life.

Ejner returned in 1955 and a few years later was introduced to his lifelong partner and love, Carla Andrus, at the Danish Christmas dance. They were married on June 10, 1963, in a double wedding with Carla's sister Donna Andrus and her husband Tom Jones. A year later, Ejner and Carla welcomed their first son, Jerry, followed by three more sons, Keith, Russ, and Steve.

In 1991, Ejner and Carla moved across the state from Dell, Montana to Miles City where Ejner and his son, Jerry, built their new ranches from scratch. In the following years, Ejner became a grandfather of four granddaughters and one grandson.

As a father, Ejner was dedicated to attending his sons' sporting events, a passion that only grew stronger when he became a grandfather. It is a well known fact that Ejner did not miss a single game, from high school football to 5th and 6th grade volleyball. He was his grandchildren's number one fan, who always cheered on the teams with enthusiasm and was not afraid to loudly declare referees wrong.



In both his hometown of Beaverhead County and new home in Miles City, Ejner was sure to involve himself in the community and was always a person to rely on. In Miles City, Ejner was a dedicated member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was in attendance every week. Even with this dedication to community, nothing could compare to the love Ejner had for his family. Ejner spent 61 years with the love of his life, and together, they raised the family that he loved more than anything, the same family that will miss him everyday. Although those of us on Earth will mourn, Heaven's "cowboy crew" has certainly gained another worthy member.

Ejner was preceded in death by: his father, Amos Hansen, mother, Anna Hansen, son, Jerry Hansen, and sisters, Astrid Hansen, Mary Jones, Anna Mayer, and Bernice Lowney. Ejner is survived by: his wife, Carla, sons, Keith (Dee), Russ (Jennifer), and Steve (Stacy) Hansen, daughter-in-law, Sheila Hansen, grandchildren, Annie, Avery, Hayes, Lewis, and Paige Hansen and numerous other friends and family members. He will be dearly missed by all.

If so desired, in lieu of gifts, please make a donation to a charity of your choice.

