

Two Mothers Remembered

*I had two Mothers – two Mothers I claim
Two different people, yet with the same name.*

*Two separate women, diverse by design,
But I loved them both because they were mine.*

*The first was the Mother who carried me here,
Gave birth and nurtured and launched my career.*

*She was the one whose features I bear,
Complete with the facial expressions I wear.*

*She gave her love, which follows me yet,
Along with the examples in life she set.*

*As I got older, she somehow younger grew,
And we'd laugh as just Mothers and daughters do.*

*But then came the time that her mind clouded so,
And I sensed that the Mother I knew would soon go.*

*So quickly she changed and turned into the other,
A stranger who dressed in the clothes of my Mother.*

*Oh, she looked the same, at least at arm's length,
But now she was the child and I was her strength.*

*We'd come full circle, we women three,
My Mother the first, the second and me.*

*And if my own children should come to a day,
When a new Mother comes and the old goes away,*

I'd ask of them nothing that I didn't do.

Love both of your Mothers as both loved you

by Joann Snow Duncanson



In Loving Memory Of

Ruth Z. Hanson

May 11, 1929 - January 13, 2019

Ruth Z. (Coley) Hanson, 89, of Williston passed away Sunday, January 13, 2019 at CHI St. Alexius Medical Center with her family at her bedside. Her family takes great comfort in knowing she passed away peacefully into the arms of her Heavenly Father and to be alongside her husband George.

Ruth was born on May 11, 1929 to Martin and Ruth Coley, and was the fourth of nine children. She moved to Williston when she was six weeks of age and lived there until her passing. Ruth graduated from Williston High School, Class of 1947.

On February 18, 1951, she married the love of her life, George Herbert Hanson, and they celebrated 58 years of marriage prior to George's passing on August 6, 2009. George and Ruth had five children, Marjory (Stan) Parrill, Marsha (Wayne) Greenup, Marilyn (Lynn) Gravos, Mark (Christa) Hanson and Marri (Keith) Hammer. Family was number one to George and Ruth. They were extremely proud of and very involved in not only their children's lives but also their 16 grandchildren; Alyson and Garrett Parrill, Shannon (James) Hoiland, Stephanie (Brian) Harr, Karri (Sherwin) Severin, Jason and Jennifer Gravos, Chris, Aaron, Michael and Missy Hanson, Ryan Jones, Kacey (Joe) Vargas, Kodey (Sarah) Hammer, Kalli (Jordan) Mahlum and Kadyr Hammer; and 14 great-grandchildren, Lucas and Jacob Harr; Ben and Tyler Hoiland; Braiden, Ariauna, and Samayah Severin; Rylan Gravos; Izabella and Azalea Vargas; Eva, Taea and Kylene Hammer; and Wyatt Mahlum.

Ruth was a member of Faith United Methodist Church. Over the years she enjoyed crafts, quilting and playing bridge. She and George were avid bowlers and are members of the Bowling Hall of Fame. Ruth spent many days over the years helping with the Junior Bowling Association.

Ruth is survived by her children; grandchildren; great grandchildren; her, brother Gary (Ileta) Coley; brother-in-law, Clint Hanson and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Virgil Coley, Arthur Coley, Charles Coley, Roy Coley, Carol Pagan, Ralph Coley and Rita Shandy.

In Loving Memory **Ruth Zella Hanson**

Born to Martin and Ruth (Zink) Coley

May 11, 1929

Butte, Montana

Called Home to Her Heavenly Father

January 13, 2019

Williston, North Dakota

Funeral Service

Sunday, January 20, 2019, 5:30 pm

Faith United Methodist Church

Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Ross Reinhiller

Music

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"Amazing Grace"

"In the Garden"

Pallbearers

Kodey Hammer

Kadyr Hammer

Chris Hanson

Michael Hanson

Garrett Parrill

Jason Gravos

Braiden Severin

Final Resting Place

Riverview Cemetery

Williston, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

Williston, North Dakota