



Mary Hansen

June 7, 2022

Mary Hansen passed away on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at the age of 71 after a 10 year battle with cancer.

She is the daughter of Edward and Agnes (Payne) Hansen and was born in Beloit, WI. She attended Strong School, St. Thomas Junior High, and Beloit Catholic High School where she had many friends.

Mary started playing piano by ear at the age of four. She started piano lessons with Marjorie Sweet at Beloit College at age six and took lessons through her second year of college. Mary was the recipient of the Della Schert Memorial Scholarship of Piano Performance for children ages 10-17. She majored in music for piano performance at Beloit College, attended graduate school of UW Madison and majored in music theory. Mary studied and performed the Gamelan, an Asian music instrument. She also studied piano tuning while in Madison. Mary gave private piano lessons starting in the 1970's in Beloit and while living in Stoughton and Chicago.

She served for approximately 10 years at the Bahá'í National Center in Chicago before accepting a position with the Chicago Police Department where she worked until her retirement. Mary received several promotions and retired as chief operations research analyst at police headquarters. She continued her education, and over the years earned her master's degree and doctorate degree – Doctor of Education.

Survivors include her sisters, Elizabeth (Charles) Engberg and Ellen Hansen; niece, Teresa; great niece, Sarah; and many other relatives.

She was predeceased by her parents and great nephew, Jonathan.

A Funeral Service for Mary will be at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 10, 2022 in the Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Rd., Beloit, WI. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Beloit, WI.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

Beloit, WI

Previous Events

Service

JUN 10. 11:30 AM (CT)

Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium
2355 Cranston Road
Beloit, WI 53511
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Tribute Wall



“ Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium created a Webcast in memory of Mary Hansen



Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium - June 10 at 09:08 AM

AM

As the memorial service is taking place, we are saying prayers in the Holy Land for Mary's glorious journey in the Worlds of Light. She is a cherished friend and we send heartfelt condolences to her family and friends at her passing from this world. What a special friend she has been to so many. With warmest love and esteem, Geoff and Amy Marks, Haifa, Israel

Amy and Geoff Marks - June 10 at 01:07 PM

PF

“ I met Mary in 1969 when we were both first-year students at Beloit College, and we remained dear friends ever since. I love you Mary, and will miss you! I will share Mary's favorite prayer:

O God! Make me as a teacher in Thy Cause. Cause my mouth to utter the wisdom of Thy ways. Make me wise, kind, good and understanding. Give me the courage of Thy martyrs, the patience of Thy Saints, and the knowledge of Thy chosen ones. Make me a fire that will burn through the darkness of man's ignorance, a flag that will fly above his weakness, a song that will sing and echo through despair. And Beloved Father, all I can return for these many gifts is a love so great it threatens to tear me in two. I love Thee from the innermost corners of my soul. I beg for the priceless favor of being allowed to serve Thee. All that my heart is crying and my words cannot express, I know Thou, Heavenly Father, understandeth. I can say no more.

*Patty Butler Fisken
White River Junction, Vermont*

Patricia Butler Fisken - June 12 at 08:39 PM

KR

“ My sincere condolences to Mary's family and friends. When I think of Mary, it is her smile, her enthusiasm, her kindness to others, her dedication and love that I see. “Let deeds, not words be your adorning.” “Every one must show forth deeds that are pure and holy, for words are the property of all alike. . .” These words of Bahá'u'lláh were some of Mary's favorite quotes to share when I first met her over 50 years ago. Looking back on her life we see how much she put those words into practice. May God bless you, Mary, you will be missed!

Karen Rouhani - June 11 at 12:31 PM

JB

“ Mary was always a special lady and friend to me in our virtual world of online groups. There were at least 3 different groups starting with Microsoft Q&A. We turned to each other in times of questions and answers to our own personal issues. She was always so friendly and compassionate to me and I'm sure others. I will miss her sweetness and wisdom. Such a knowledgeable woman. I cared deeply for her. Bless her family. I can imagine how much she will be missed by all she touched. RIP Mary. I will never forget you! Shine your light and love! I will dedicate a star and name it Mary.

Julie Bierens - June 11 at 05:37 AM

KS

“ Mary was a sweet and inspirational lady who people admired and followed from high school and beyond. I graduated with her from The class of '69 at BCHS in Beloit. My sincere sympathy to her loved ones and to all who will miss her. Rest In Peace, Mary!

Kathleen R Finley Stefanik-Ahrens

Kathleen Stefanik-Ahrens - June 10 at 04:24 PM

GW

“ I love you Mary and will miss your kindness, good humor, and wisdom. Thank you for being my special friend while studying at Beloit. Having a chance to visit during the gathering at your house four years ago via FaceTime with the Baha'i College Club alumni was so much fun! And it was such a joy visiting with you at home a year later and to be with you again if only for a few hours. Mary, you were so courageous in the face of cancer and such an inspiration. I am so grateful for the attentive care you received from your sister, family, and the Baha'i community. It is a testament of the love you lavished on them while here with them. May we all meet again someday. Peace.

George Wing - June 10 at 02:43 PM

BM

“ Mary was one of the hardest working District Managers when she was in the 013th District. I was one of the Patrol computer geeks, and if she called and needed help I knew we were in trouble. She had a great personality and was fun to be around.....RIP Mary, you will be missed.

Bill Marose - June 10 at 02:12 PM

RG

“ Mary was an inspiration and friend to me as a new student at Beloit College. Her ready smile and laugh and her great big heart enveloped me with love and spirit. She was one of the Baha'is in Beloit who shared the Baha'i Faith with me and led me to become a Baha'i all those many years ago, a gift that has illumined my life ever since.
It comforts me to know that she is free of her earthly constraints and I'm sure has been met with light upon light. God bless, Mary. ~ Red

Mary and I worked at the Bahá'í National Center all those years ago. Such a delightful, kind and capable lady! It was a joy to see her just a few years ago on a visit to Beloit. Blessings and love, Mary. ~ Jan

"Within the meadows of Thy nearness, before Thy presence, make me able to roam, O my Beloved... Within the garden of Thine immortality, before Thy countenance, let me abide for ever..."

Red & Jan Grammer - June 10 at 01:17 PM

MR

“ It is rare, in these days of amazing and sometimes overwhelming, technology, to have virtual friends who are truly friends. I limit my "friends", but count Mary, known to me and to a group known as QnAers, as Chicago Lady. She was one of the most loving and gracious persons I have ever known, either personally or virtually. I was truly crushed when a rumor started several months ago that our beloved Chicago Lady had left us, and I have been trying to find her ever since. May her soul take flight into God's arms. She was certainly a blessing to us.

Michael E Russell - June 10 at 12:49 PM

CW

“ I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Mary. I was a classmate at St Thomas JHS and BCHS.

It was so good to see and spend time with her at our 50th high school reunion a couple of years ago!

God bless you Mary and your entire family! RIP

❤️ Chuck Warriner

Chuck Warriner - June 10 at 10:06 AM

JB

“ *Mary was a wonderful classmate. My sympathy to her friends and family; may she rest in peace. Mary was a great pianist and accompanied me when I played for solo and ensemble. I appreciated her help, talent, and time.*

Janice Cousin Bier - June 10 at 08:48 AM

JB

“ *My condolences to the family. I will remember Mary through our times together at St Thomas Junior High School and Parish, Beloit Catholic High School Class of 1969. May she rest in peace.*

John Borley - June 10 at 05:08 AM

MW

“ *Condolences to Mary's family. May she Rest In Peace.*

Marilyn Bach Wille - June 09 at 01:12 PM

VJ

“ *My condolences to Mary's family and loved ones. We were classmates at Beloit Catholic High School but I got to know her better when we connected at our 40th class reunion. Mary was a sweet and kind lady. May her memory be a blessing.*

Vicki King Johnson



Vicki Johnson - June 09 at 11:12 AM

SH

A strong, lovely and talented lady has left us.

Steve Heidt - June 09 at 11:58 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Mary! I was a classmate of Mary's from grade school through high school.*

God bless her and her entire family!

❤️ *Chuck Warriner*

Chuck Warriner - June 09 at 09:25 AM

SA

“*Mary is a true inspiration for me. Always cheerful and considerate of others, no matter what. She is one of the strongest and most beautiful people I know. Her dedication to the Baha'i Faith was always part of her life. She truly loved her family and all of her many friends. I am so grateful she was in my life.*”

Sue Alexander - June 08 at 08:43 PM