



Linda Hansen

August 14, 1942 - April 6, 2024

Linda Ann (Schoenrock) Hansen of Berlin passed away peacefully at home on April 6, 2024, surrounded by family.

She was born in Detroit on August 14, 1942, and was preceded in death by parents Walter C. and Dorothy M. (Federspiel) Schoenrock.

She married Tom Hansen on July 10, 1965, in Birmingham, MI.

Linda received a B.A. in German from Oakland University in 1964 and an M.A. in German from the University of California-Santa Barbara. During 1962-63 she spent her Junior Year Abroad in Munich, Germany and in 1996-97 taught English in Forst, Germany as a Fulbright Exchange Teacher. Linda taught German and English for 34 years in Oshkosh, Medford, and Berlin (Wisconsin). As a high school German teacher, she guided her students on numerous trips to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. She was nominated as an Honorary Member of the Berlin High School Alumni Association.

Besides her family, she loved teaching, baking, travel, and photography, which she was able to do until poor health forced her to stop at almost 80 years of age.

She traveled extensively in the US, to Cuba, Canada and numerous countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa before and after retirement. Many trips were photography tours as she also became an amateur photographer in retirement. Linda served the Berlin Catholic churches as a liturgist and council member as well as serving on the Oakwood Cemetery Board.

She leaves behind her husband, Tom, who truly was the love of her life; sons,

Eric and Scott; and grandchildren, Bryce and Leah Hansen. Also left behind are brother Dennis (Pat) Schoenrock and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

The enduring effects of her wisdom, caring and forthright and progressive nature will help to fill the enormous void she left with her passing.

In place of flowers please donate to Doctors Without Borders, The Smile Train, or your local animal shelter.

Family and friends may visit with the family on Tuesday, April 23, 2023, from 4-7:00 p.m. at The Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home of Berlin.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Catholic Parish in Berlin officiated by Father Anthony Thirumalareddy.

An inurnment will be held at Oakwood Cemetery following services at the church.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

Berlin, WI 54923

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home
116 S Adams Ave
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-2050

Funeral Service

APR **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Parish
N8566 WI-49
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-5252

Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda Hansen*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - April 21, 2024 at 09:11 PM

RW

“ *Tom, we are so sorry for your loss. We just learned of Linda's passing. Rudy and Jeannie Winther*

Rudy Winther - May 09, 2024 at 08:42 PM

“ Memories of Linda Hansen April, 2024

My dearest Linda. You were my longest close friend. I remember when we met in first grade at St. Edward School. We used to walk home together every day. When we were in second grade I got sick and you brought my classwork and homework to my house every day and that made it possible for me to complete the grade and pass to the third grade. In the 3rd grade was when we started the puppet shows. I had the Rice Crispy puppets and you had a monkey puppet. Our stage was a card table that we put your Mom's washing machine cover over, and we had a shoe box for a prop. The show went over so big that our teacher had us perform it for the entire school. At Christmas that year we got our first "paying" gig when your Dad had us perform for the Grand Trunk Railway Christmas party. Being a woodworker, he built a beautiful puppet stage for us. It was because of us doing those shows that I eventually became a film and television Director as a career. It is interesting that we both became teachers as well, with you taking your students to Germany and Europe for experiences will last their lifetimes.

I remember when your parents built the house out at the "Gulch" with your Dad and Pappy actually working on the house. We were in the summer after the 6th grade by then when you moved to your new house and my family moved to East Detroit (now Eastpoint). We kept in touch and when my family moved again to the West side of Detroit on Six Mile road, I road my bike from our house to yours – about a 14-mile trip. Your parents let me stay overnight and then the next evening took me (and the bike) back to my house. What a fun time we had those two days riding around Birmingham. Our parents also became good friends because of our friendship and our parents stayed close friends until their passing. So many memories of those early days.

It seems like just yesterday that we were kids playing in front of your old house on Fisher. I remember you could whip any of the boys on

the block! Then there was the ice rink Pappy built in the backyard and the sheds in the back that we used to climb up on the roofs in the summer. As time went on and we went to different colleges, we still kept in touch and even dated a few times, but, that deep friendship was always there. I was really happy when you told me you had taken up photography and I, also being a photographer, got to see you blossom as a real photographic artist. I was very honored when you presented me with some of your photographs of Romania and they proudly are hanging in our home and remind me of you every time I see them.

When you met Tom, the joy of your life, you were so happy and had two wonderful boys. Even with you guys living in Wisconsin, we still kept in touch, learning of your adventures and Tom and your son's hunting trips. We were finally actually able to visit you guys in May of 2019, and stay overnight at your house. Getting a tour of Berlin and the nature areas where Tom worked for so many years and seeing your photographic room was very enjoyable. I was so happy you and Tom could visit Pat and me and stay overnight at our Dexter house for our 50th Anniversary in August, 2019 and also visit us in August of 2022 at our Lakehouse with Eric and Scott and the grandkids Bryce and Leah and celebrate her 15th birthday. It was an unforgettable time with the kids riding on the glass bottom boat and snorkeling over the shipwrecks in Lake Huron, and Tom walking down our trail to the beach and along the lake. That visit was, unfortunately, to be the last time we would see each other in person.

You were my longest friend of over 75 years. Not many people get to have friendships like that. I hope our next generation of families will continue to keep in touch. I will miss you greatly.

May you rest in peace and may your spirit and wonderful memories comfort Tom always.

*In Loving Memory,
Chuck Dale Derry*





Chuck & Pat Derry - April 23, 2024 at 02:28 PM

TF

“ *The Idaho Hansen Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Hansen.*

The Idaho Hansen Family - April 23, 2024 at 03:00 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Hansen.*



April 23, 2024 at 03:00 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - April 22, 2024 at 10:56 AM

TH

What a great group of Hansen's in Idaho. Recall how bad Dick's coffee was but what great flapjacks he made. Both Linda Hansen's in one photo. A treasure.

tom hansen - April 22, 2024 at 09:57 PM



“ 402 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - April 21, 2024 at 09:03 PM

TB

“ *Linda was an excellent German teacher at Berlin High School, and she took time to plan and take students . We send our sympathy to you Tom and Eric and Scott. Tom, Liz,Dan,Jane, and Kathy Butterbrodt*

Tom and Liz Butterbrodt - April 20, 2024 at 03:30 PM

MC

“ *Ruhen Sie in Frieden, Frau Hansen. Sie werden uns fehlen.*



Mary Coleman - April 18, 2024 at 09:15 PM

Jan
Ewald

“ *Linda was our neighbors for 20 years and was always a very caring and kind person. Know she adored her boys! Her husband Tom and her constant companions were her dogs. She trained them bilingual English & German languages and was adorable to see how they understood both. our sincere condolences to her family. Raymond & Janice Ewald*

Jan Ewald - April 18, 2024 at 06:12 AM

SP

“ *Mrs. Hansen was my high school German teacher and was a kind and gifted teacher. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. My deepest sympathies.*

Sincerely, Sarah (Chipman) Paulick

Sarah Paulick - April 14, 2024 at 11:35 AM

TB

Dan, Jane and Kathy Butterbrodt remember Frau Hansen as a great teacher of German. They also enjoyed trips to Germany with her and appreciated her. Blessings and Peace to her family. May fond memories help sustain them at this sad time.

Tom and Liz Butterbrodt - April 20, 2024 at 07:14 AM

DS

“ *Dave Swansby purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Hansen.*



Dave Swansby - April 12, 2024 at 09:35 AM

DS

“ Dear Sister,
I fondly remember all the family trips and holidays we shared with Mom, Dad and Pappy growing up.
As we both got older and you moved to Wisconsin I especially remember the Christmas and holiday trips our families shared, when we alternated traveling between Michigan and Wisconsin. I cannot think of a bad time between us, and you will always be a part of me.
Growing up, You always my "Big Sister" were always my protector. I will miss you greatly. The sun seems a little less bright, now that you are not around.
I wish you peace, and God's speed to Mom, Dad and Pappy in heaven.
LOVE, Dennis (little brother)

Dennis W Schoenrock - April 11, 2024 at 04:07 PM

DD

“ Dennis, Patricia, Dianna, David purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Linda Hansen.



Dennis, Patricia, Dianna, David - April 11, 2024 at 12:58 PM

TH

“ Linda and Tom were one of two pairs of Hansen cousins sharing the same names. We always enjoyed hearing of Linda’s latest travels and enjoyed the masterful photographs she chronicled of places of interest she visited. We were blessed to have spent time together with many Hansen’s in Bayview, Idaho and to have had a wonderful time together in Berlin and Oshkosh in 2017. Linda’s was a life remarkably lived and we cherish our times together. With love, Tom and Linda Hansen, La Quinta, CA

Tom Hansen - April 10, 2024 at 04:04 PM

TB

Dan, Jane and Kathy Butterbrodt Received an excellent German language background from Mrs.. Hansen . They were blessed to have her as a teacher and tour guide of Germany also. She was very knowledgeable as well as personable. Tom and Liz

Tom and Liz Butterbrodt - April 19, 2024 at 03:56 PM