



William "Bill" M. Hansen

May 4, 1957 - February 14, 2026

William "Bill" M. Hansen, 68, passed away on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at Hospice Alliance Hospice House in Pleasant Prairie with his loving partner and Groth family members by his side. As always, Bill gave it his all right to the end but lost the battle with an aggressive form of lung cancer that spread to the brain within days.

Bill was born on May 4, 1957 to William and Pearl (nee: Hyde) Hansen. He was a

1975 graduate of William Horlick High School. Bill worked in production for S.C. Johnson for over 38 years and was a member of the 20 Year Club. Bill was an avid antique collector since childhood, and loved gardening. He also loved tending

to his Koi pond. Most of all, Bill was always there to help someone in need without even being asked.

Bill loved to travel. Bill and Bob took Bill's parents to Hawaii for their 50th wedding anniversary, spending 10 days taking in all the beauty. The following year they took Bill's parents to New Orleans and Las Vegas for shows, tours and a little gambling to complete their anniversary gift.

He will be deeply missed by his partner of 48 years, Robert "Bob" Groth; mother, Pearl Hansen; only sibling, one brother, Greg Hansen and wife, along with their two remaining children. Bob's sister Karen Groth; who Bill often referred to as a dear friend and the sister he always wanted and considered her a sister-in-law. His loving canine companions, Barney and Rosie, other

family members on the Groth side who truly loved Bill and considered him family, also friends too numerous to mention by name.

Bill is preceded in death by his father, William Hansen; Uncle, Richard "Dick" Hansen; and niece, Brianna Hansen. Along with Bob's Father and Mother who Bill treated as his own, Bob's two brothers, Fred and Dave and one sister-in-law Lilian Groth.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to HOPE Safe House, American Cancer Society or to Bob would be appreciated.

Bob would like to thank the staff at Ascension All Saints Cancer Center and Hospice Alliance Hospice House for the wonderful care they gave Bill. He felt as close to home as one could be at a time like this. The staff went above and beyond to ease his journey.

Also, a heart filled thank you to the Groth family, neighbors and friends who helped us through these difficult times. Your support through prayer, reaching out to talk and bring comfort in addition to offering unlimited help wherever needed, was amazing, much appreciated and will be forever remembered.

Funeral services for Bill will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 18th at 3:30PM. There will be visitation from 2:00PM until the time of service. A Celebration of Life Reception will take place following the service. Bill will be laid to rest at the Mound Cemetery Mausoleums in a private ceremony.

Cemetery Details

Mound Cemetery

Racine, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



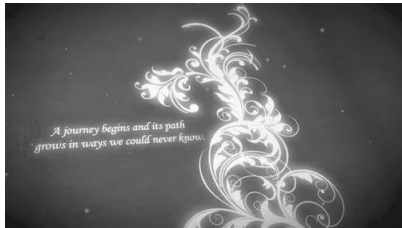
“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William "Bill" M. Hansen*



Sturino Funeral Home - March 17 at 03:21 PM



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" M. Hansen*



Sturino Funeral Home - March 10 at 01:49 PM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - March 10 at 01:45 PM

BF

“ I met Bob and Bill back in the 70's when I became friends with Bob's sister Karen. We had so much fun as it was back in the day of disco and boy how we all loved to dance!! You can hardly say "Bill" without saying "Bob" too. It was unusual to see one without the other. They shared their love of antiques, decorating and were proud of their homes, pets and the life they had built together. All were welcome to their home which became a sanctuary of peace and love. It was easy to stay for hours just talking with them in their beautiful kitchen. We are here for you Bob. While we will all miss Bill, he is in Paradise. My condolences to you, Karen and Bill's entire family.

Barbara Barry Fries

Barbara Fries - March 08 at 06:59 PM

PB

“ *Pauline Burroughs lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Hansen*



Pauline Burroughs - March 05 at 08:24 AM

PB

“ *I met Bill and Bob last Summer for the first time through my dear friend Francis Machado, who was good friends with them for many years. I was in awe of their beautiful Victorian home...and lovely garden and pond in the backyard. They were so welcoming to us, and I adored being in their company. Bill was so kind and I am blessed to have met him...❤️ My deepest condolences to you Bob. I will keep you both in my prayers. Sincerely, Pauline Burroughs*

Pauline Burroughs - March 05 at 08:24 AM

“ I met Bill when we were 16 years old. We both worked at Sentry Foods on Douglas Ave. Although we did go to the same school, we never seemed to see each other there.

At age 18 we started hanging out together, going to the bars in Racine and Mil.

Around the age of 20, Bill taught me how to downhill ski. We really enjoyed that time skiing at Alpine Valley until Bill injured his knee and stopped skiing altogether.

We both ended our time at Sentry Foods in 1984, moved on in life. It was then that our relationship developed, a journey through life as Domestic Partners began.

We traveled often, mostly New Orleans and a few Caribbean Islands, living life to the fullest. Making friends was easy for us both. We entertained often, not always on a big scale, just good quality friends getting together for drinks and fun.

We had a good solid run together through life. Like almost everyone, we encountered rocky times, but always came out on top. When I would talk about some of these times with Bill, he would tell me that is what made us as solid as we were, the two soulmates we grew into.

The last 12 days of Bills final journey was a difficult yet rewarding time for us both. I slept on a cot on the floor next to his bed because that is what we both wanted and needed. We would talk everytime he would wake up or open his eyes. That has helped me plan out his funeral, celebration of life and fulfill all his final wishes to the best of my ability.

We talked about everything under the sun, bringing comfort and happiness to the both of us, the best we could. We reassured and discussed our faith in God and the after life we are promised for believing in him. I know that helped us through some sad times and gave us the strength to face another day.

To the man that showed me daily what unconditional love looks and feels like, Rest in Peace my soul mate. And the answer is yes, we both know God has made you whole again, and no you were never a burden to anyone. You are loved and missed by so many.

Sending tons of love from Barney and Rosie (Rosebud). They miss

their dog dad and his weakness with all those special treats he handed out.
Until we meet again. Love Always, Bob

Robert S. Groth - March 05 at 02:47 AM

JK

My sincerest condolences to you, Bob. I remember how much he used to talk about you and the life you both shared...and I could see just how much he loved you. He was always there for me when I needed a friend. He was the one person I will always regret losing contact with from JWax...but I know that he would have been there had I ever needed a shoulder to lean on. He was that type of friend that you could pick up exactly where you left off...and he always had a smile for you, regardless of the time bridged between the last one spoken. He was truly a kindred spirit, and one of the most genuine souls I'd ever known. Much love to you. - Jen K

Jen K - March 05 at 01:14 PM

HK

We met Bob and Bill through my sister Lesley. Through the years my husband Chad and I always looked forward to having a visit and chatting through the evening. Bill was always welcoming and our boys loved sitting next to the beautiful koi pond. Bill you will be missed! Rest in Peace.

Heather Klammer - March 14 at 12:16 PM

LG

Bill, I miss you so much there is physical pain where your voice used to be. I know you will always be a part of me as you helped make me who I am. I know you knew and know how much I love you and that has given me great comfort as you have moved on to a better place.

LeAnn Marie Groth - March 14 at 10:13 PM

JB

“ I worked with Bill when he was in Aerosols on 2nd shift. I'd known him a few years prior from chatting before my shift would begin. He was always so kind. I still talked with him once he switched departments and I switched shifts, but eventually I left the company and became a Nurse. Sadly I took early retirement...I only wish I could have been there for him. I always loved hearing about his many different Christmas trees and how he & Bob decorated the home for the holidays. He was a good friend.



Jennifer Brick-Krencisz - March 04 at 01:19 PM

SW

“ I will miss Bill and the light he brought to every life he touched. Always the entertainer, Bill made sure everyone was comfortable at all times. The relationship he and Bob shared are truly "couple goals," and his connection with Barney and his Rosebud, just beautiful. My love always - Susan

Susan Wagner - March 04 at 09:49 AM