

Don N. Hansen, 49

July 30, 1951 - Feb. 12, 2001

BROOKSVILLE, FL - Don Norman Hansen, the son of Orville K. and Ruth Jean Petersen Hansen, was born July 30, 1951, in Audubon, and died Feb. 12, 2001, at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, FL, at age 49 years, six months and 12 days. He was baptized and confirmed at Ebenezer Lutheran Church west of Audubon. He attended rural schools west of Audubon, then graduated from the Audubon High School in 1969. Aug. 29, 1969, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. During his tour of duty he served in Thailand in southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged Aug. 29, 1972. He was employed by the ITT-FEC Communication Company and was based in Thailand, from December of 1972 until 1975. He transferred to Thule, Greenland, in August of 1975, where he lived until March of 1976. Don worked for Collins International and was in Ethiopia for six months. He then was employed by E-Systems in September of 1977, and lived in the Sinai Desert until March of 1979. He returned to the United States and was employed by a private communication company in Houston, TX, for three years. He then moved to Florida.

March 24, 1990, he married Ann Branstetter in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. For the past 10 years they have lived in Brooksville, FL. He was the Operation Manager for Qwest Communication Company. He had been a member of the Ebenezer Lutheran Church until he transferred his membership to his Lutheran Church in Florida. He was a member of the V.F.W. in Florida and had served as Past Post Commander.

Don was preceded in death by his brother, Lee Orville Hansen, and his grandparents. Survivors include his wife, Ann Hansen of Brooksville, FL; his parents, Orville K. and Ruth Jean Hansen of Audubon; his sister, Ann Christine (Jim) Chambers of Elk Horn; his brother, Max Peter Hansen of Plano, TX; his nieces and nephews, Chris (Abby) Chambers of Urbandale; Kyle Chambers of Ames; Amy Chambers of Omaha, NE and Jordan Hansen of Simi Valley, CA; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bob and Esther Branstetter of Avon, OH; his brothers-in-law, Jim Bransfetter of Virginia; Mike (Cilla) Branstetter of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; and their children, Kathy (John) Parry and their son, Cory, all of Longwood, FL; John (Lisa) Barry of Negaunee, MI; and other relatives.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Steven Frock Feb. 20, 2001, at Ebenezer Lutheran Church west of Audubon. Burial was at the Florida National Veterans Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.