



Gregory Paul Hansen

January 24, 1978 - January 26, 2026

On January 26, 2026, we lost Greg Hansen, a man who was kind, generous, and grounded by a quiet confidence in his convictions. He found joy in a spirited round of golf, jamming blues riffs on his guitar, and laughing with friends over an enthusiastic game of euchre. Above all, he loved his family and friends fiercely.

Greg was born on January 24, 1978, in Detroit, Michigan, to Jean and Steven Hansen. The family later moved to Grand Rapids, then Salt Lake City, before eventually settling in Eagan, Minnesota. It was in Minnesota that Greg discovered his lifelong love of the outdoors—especially the water—through trips to the Boundary Waters and fishing adventures deep into the Canadian wilderness with his dad and brothers.

A natural athlete, Greg played football, basketball, and track at Eagan High School. In his younger years, he also spent Saturday mornings at the bowling alley, coached by his mom. Greg loved good music, particularly blues and classic rock. He played bass in a band for several years after college, even making two albums.

After college, Greg moved to Florida, eventually making a home near the beach in Melbourne with his wife, Danika. His love for the outdoors and sense of adventure inspired him to learn to sail in the Intracoastal along the space

coast and spend weekends paddle boarding, surfing, and golfing. Greg always found a sense of peace on the water or golf course.

Greg's faith shaped his life from an early age and continued to guide him after graduating from the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse. He found purpose working with Cru, where his passion for service and adventure came together. His work took him around the world, sometimes to places he knew would be dangerous, yet he never hesitated to go where he was asked to serve. Greg treasured his time experiencing different cultures, traveling with friends, and being in service to communities all over the world.

It was through Cru that Greg met his future wife, Danika, where they worked as traveling production technicians coordinating media projects in other countries. Greg often worked in Central Asia and the Middle East, and Danika throughout Africa. Between trips, they would spend time together in FL with their friends, hiking, playing ultimate frisbee, and exploring the Sunshine state. After 4 years of working together, Greg got the courage to ask Danika out. Their first date weekend embodied all the things Greg loved; adventure, good music, and quality time. They went to a Braves baseball game, hiked in the mountains outside of Atlanta and watched a Santana concert for free from the parking lot overlooking Chastain Park Amphitheatre. This was the start of their 20-year partnership, which was a large part of Greg's life.

Greg continued his dedication to service throughout Central FL, working in various leadership roles for nonprofit organizations that served the community with food, housing, and supports. Greg found great joy in serving others and is well-known throughout his community for his kind, helping spirit.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Emery and Katheryn Seestedt and Arthur and Doris Hansen, uncles Carl Seestedt and Mark Hansen and cousins Michael Seestedt and Cassandra Hansen. He is survived by his

beloved wife of 18 years, Danika Hansen, his parents Jean and Steve (Dru) Hansen, brothers Andy (Heather), and Todd (Shannon), nieces Gabriella and Amelia, nephews Bennett, Wesley, and Declan, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins who loved him.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be sent to Providence Connects, a local organization in Melbourne providing food, housing, and support to the community. <https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E195808&id=9>

Celebration of Life for Greg Hansen

We invite you to join us as we gather to celebrate and honor the life of Greg Hansen — a man who loved deeply, lived fully, and left an imprint on everyone who knew him.

 Saturday, May 16, 2026

 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

 Ballard Park, Melbourne, FL — Pavilion 8

This will be a relaxed, outdoor gathering where friends and family are welcome to share stories, memories, and moments that capture Greg's spirit. Your presence, your laughter, and your memories are the heart of this celebration.

Seating

Pavilion 8 has limited seating. If you're local to Florida, we kindly ask that you

bring a folding chair in case additional seating is needed.

Parking

Parking directly beside the pavilion is limited. Additional parking is available throughout Ballard Park and is approximately a 5-minute walk to Pavilion 8.

After the Celebration

For anyone who would like to continue gathering, sharing stories, and being together, we will head to Nomads Canteen for a light lunch.

Nomads Canteen 617 W Eau Gallie Blvd Melbourne, FL 32935

This is an open-invite, casual time to connect, laugh, and keep celebrating Greg.

What to Expect

In the spirit of Greg Hansen, this will be a relaxed memorial. It will be a space to:

Share stories

Celebrate the way Greg lived

Connect with the people he loved

Be together in a place filled with light, water and fresh air

Come as you are — casual, comfortable, and ready to remember him with warmth.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

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Tribute Wall

RC

“ I am sending my condolences to my cousin Danika after the loss of her husband and to Gregory's family after the loss of their son and brother. His memory will always be a blessing to those who knew and loved him.

Rodrigo Cantu - March 07 at 08:57 PM

RW

“ My sincere condolences to my daughter Danika, to Greg's mother and father, his brothers and all his family and friends. Greg touched so many lives with his kind smile and caring heart. He was truly loved by his family in Texas. Our trips to “El Mercado” in downtown San Antonio were especially memorable. We enjoyed great Mexican food and shopping at the market. I will always remember how happy he made my Danika and that meant so much to me. We will miss you Greg. Mom and Rick



Rose & Rick Westhoefer - February 26 at 10:51 PM

KW

“ Greg was the best of humanity- quiet, humble, and helped me on my Walk. He was a groomsman in our wedding. And a heckuva euchre player. I'm shocked and saddened. Rest easy, G!

Ken Walden - February 26 at 07:50 PM

 Nathan
Waters

“ 3 files added to the album *Greg on the water*



Nathan Waters - February 24 at 01:26 PM

JN

“ *I'm truly saddened to hear this news. I spent many long nights traveling, playing music and recording with Warren G, as we called him throughout college. All my love. Greg had asweet, soft confidence about him, a steady spirit that was reliable and loyal. Love you G.*

Josh Neumann - February 23 at 10:48 PM