



Clara L. Hansen

November 25, 1930 - December 10, 2024

On December 10, 2024, Clara Lou Hansen, Lebanon, Indiana, departed this life after living fully for 94 years. Born in Ogden Utah in 1930 to Spencer and Irene Tribe, she was the middle of three children.

In her senior year at Ogden High, from which she graduated in 1948, she was set up on a blind date with the man who would become her husband and the love of her life, Owen P. Hansen. A few years after graduation, and after Owen's honorable discharge from the Air Force, the couple eloped to Las Vegas where they were married on August 31, 1953, at the "Wee Kirk of the Heather" Wedding Chapel. Their honeymoon was spent in Vegas where the couple celebrated their union (which would last more than 70 years) dancing to the music of Xavier Cugat. Subsequently, over the following years, Clara gave birth to two beautiful daughters, April and Heidi, and ultimately accompanied her husband to Lebanon, Indiana in 1958 where Owen accepted a job with the Lebanon Reporter newspaper. (In several of Owen's Hans Glances columns, Clara is affectionately referred to as "Sweetie Pie.") After moving to Indiana, Clara set up a comfortable home, building a house in the new subdivision of Northfield, and giving birth to one more daughter, Hope.

A few years later, after a move to Elizaville Road, Clara obtained a full-time job with Commercial Filters as an accountant from which she retired in 1995.

Clara was also involved in the Jay-Shes, Psi-Iota Xi Sorority, Ulen Country Club and a myriad of school-related programs, dance recitals and community events. She found joy in preparing the annual Christmas banquet for the Lebanon Reporter holiday dinner, decorating and catering the affair herself. Creatively, she relished designing and sewing dance and Halloween costumes for her girls.

In later years, Clara enjoyed long car rides, spending time with family and was an avid colorer, filling countless books with beautiful designs. Her amazing determination and memory helped her to continue to be self-sufficient and live at home, where she even managed to continue balancing her checkbook every month until the end of her days here.

Clara is survived by her three daughters, April Luria (Tim), Heidi Warren (Christopher), and Hope Hansen Gustavson (Randy), along with three remarkable grandchildren, Kaitlin Warren Dick, Jonas Gustavson and Megan Warren. Her brother, Richard Tribe of Ogden, Utah survives.

Proceeding her in death was her soul mate, Owen and an older sister, Betty Herrington.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Browns Wonder Cemetery in Lebanon. Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory have been entrusted with her cremation arrangements.

In Clara's lifetime on this Earth, she witnessed: An economic Depression, five major wars, 16 U.S. Presidents, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the building AND the dismantling of the Berlin Wall, the Civil Rights Movement, The Cuban Missile Crisis, the assassination of JFK, RFK and MLK. The beginning AND the end of The Cold War, the Moon Landing, the ratification AND the overturning of Roe v Wade, Watergate, AIDS, the Challenger Explosion, the

birth of the World Wide Web, 9-11, the invasion of Ukraine, and a Global Pandemic.

Therefore, in lieu of flowers or monetary donations, Clara's family asks that you give someone a hug or a kind word in her memory because as time goes by and things seem to change so swiftly, the only real enduring constant is... LOVE.

Cemetery Details

Browns Wonder Cemetery

Lebanon, IN 46052

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Browns Wonder Cemetery
3001 N Elizaville Rd
Lebanon, IN 46052

Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Clair for many years at Commercial Filters as well as attending parties at their home. She was a wonderful person and always had a smile!! Til we meet again



Rita Crane - June 14, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Clara L. Hansen.



June 11, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clara L. Hansen.

June 11, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ I will always cherish the time I was able to spend with Clara. I truly enjoyed all of her stories of her life and all the wonderful memories she had with Owen and you girls. She was a proud woman with a little mischief mixed in. We definitely had a lot of laughs together. I truly believe we both brightened each other's day 💜

Sherri Allen - December 17, 2024 at 09:30 PM

RC

“ I worked with this wonderful, sweet woman for 25 + years at Commerical filters, Lebanon. She always had time to listen to you and always had her beautiful smile and so many fun parties are their beautiful home..



Rita Crane - December 13, 2024 at 08:13 PM

DW

I 1st met her when I started at Commercial Filters when I was 18. She took me under her wing and looked out for me. We worked together for 27 years when she retired. She was one of the kindest people I have ever met. She and her family will always be in my heart. She will be missed.

Darlene Wilson - December 14, 2024 at 06:48 PM

BR

“ My condolences to you and your family Hope.

Bill Rex - December 12, 2024 at 03:04 PM

KL

“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was always so gracious and classy. I'll forever remember her famous dinner parties, where the food, cocktails and decorations were amazing and the camaraderie and joking were abundant. Back in the good old days, we looked forward every year to "Christmas at Owen and Clare's." Thinking of you all in your time of loss.

Kathy Linton - December 12, 2024 at 12:09 PM

SA

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Sherri Allen - December 17, 2024 at 09:16 PM

DJ

“ *A life well lived.*

I worked as Advertising Manager with Owen at the Lebanon Reporter; and have many memories of Clare, Owen and their daughters.

Condolences to all the family and thanks for sharing details of Clare's life.

I just gave my "sweetie pie" of 61 years a big hug in Clare's memory.

She was truly a very special lady!

Delbert Davis Jr

Lexington, SC

Delbert Davis Jr - December 12, 2024 at 11:51 AM