



## Marion Smith Hanson

July 26, 2019

Marion Smith Hanson, 95, of West Hartford, CT passed away peacefully on July 26, 2019, at home. She was born on Dec. 3, 1923 in Bridgeport CT, the eldest daughter of Abram and Clara Smith and raised in Winsted, CT. Marion was predeceased by her husband Llewellyn (Lew) E. Hanson. She is survived her son Philip and beloved feline "Blue." Also, she leaves a large extended family including Abram Smith of Los Angeles, CA, Dan Smith and his wife Loretta Neumann Smith of Washington, DC, Clarence Parks of Winsted, CT, Zemel Hanson of St Ann's Jamaica, Gretel Hardy of Mount Vernon, NY. She also leaves several nieces, nephews and relatives in Connecticut, New York, Washington DC, California and Jamaica. Marion attended Gilbert School in Winsted, and Weaver High School in Hartford. She later enrolled at Hampton College in Virginia and graduated from Lincoln School of Nursing in New York. She then earned a master's degree in psychiatry from the University of Connecticut. A lifelong advocate for education, Marion taught nursing at St Francis Hospital and worked for the Hartford School system as a health teacher and school nurse for many years before retirement. Marion Hanson was an active member of St. Monica's Episcopal Church serving on the vestry and several committees. She was also a member of Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE), the Chi Eta Phi nursing sorority and St. James Episcopal Church West Hartford ladies lunch group. She enjoyed Shakespeare, musical theater, Nate King Cole, Harry Belafonte, swimming, walking, flowers, reading and traveling to Maine, Jamaica and Washington,

D.C. She also was a fan of UConn basketball coach Geno and the Ladies Huskies. Marion was an excellent cook who was known for her homemade banana bread and holiday treats. Her life and legacy will be celebrated with a wake at Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, on Friday August 9, 2019 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Funeral services will be at St Monica's Episcopal Church 3575 Main St, Hartford, on Saturday August 10, 2019 at 10 AM. She will be buried at Fairview Cemetery in West Hartford, directly following the service. A repast will be held at St James Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 1018 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, Saturday August 10, 2019 1-5 pm following the burial. Donations can be sent to UBE Marion Hanson Scholarship Fund c/o Dorothy Jackson, 231 Ridgefield St. Hartford, CT 06112. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.  
West Hartford, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

AUG 9. 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

## Funeral Service

AUG 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Monica's Episcopal Church  
3575 Main St  
Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marion Smith Hanson.*



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August 08, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ *Aunt Marion was always welcoming with a warm hug and a sweet smile. Margaret Ann loved her to pieces & loved most of all telling her stories of what she was learning in school and what she was doing in sports. Most of all we will miss the gatherings at the homestead to celebrate her birthdays:) She will by truly missed by all! Todd, Steph and Margaret Ann Reed.*

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**Stephanie Reed** - August 07, 2019 at 02:32 PM



*Mrs Hanson was a wonderful coworker in the Hartford Public Schools where she expressed deep concern for the students in her teaching and treatments. She was also my neighbor and stopped in, including me in the St Monica's gala and other events. A warm and engaging person, she is sorely missed.*

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**Mae Williams** - October 06, 2019 at 11:38 PM



“ *You'll be missed terribly, Lady Hanson. Peace and love to Philip and the entire Hanson family.*

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**Iris** - August 06, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ Our family on Pleasant Street will never forget Mrs Hanson, such a kind and determined person. Her daily walks down our street in all kinds of weather were a testament to her strength. Condolences to Philip and the whole family. Peter, Christine and Devlin McMorris.

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**Christine McMorris** - August 06, 2019 at 12:33 PM

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“ Barbara johnson clemens class of 1971

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**barbara j clemens** - August 06, 2019 at 06:44 AM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. Mrs Hanson was my 1st instructor @ St Francis School of Nursing...there were 7 of us in her group and she referred to us as her little ducklings...as 18 year old newbies, we were more than happy to stay under her protective wing. I have seen her about town since and so happy each time to see her....fond memories !

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**barbara j clemens** - August 06, 2019 at 06:43 AM

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*Philip and family*

*Your mother will truly be missed by all who knew her. She was a dear friend to us. We have many happy memories we shared with her. May God bless you and your family during this sad time.*

*Much love,  
The Thompsons  
Shirley & Bill*

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**Shirley Thompson** - August 08, 2019 at 02:51 PM

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*Mrs Marion Hanson had a beautiful soul and a warm, kind, spirit to anyone she came across. She was soft spoken but very encouraging and inspirational. She will be greatly missed. ❤️ Always. Lurrann Dixon*

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**lurrann** - August 12, 2019 at 10:53 PM