



Dr. Charles Alvin Hanson

July 16, 1938 - April 25, 2024

Dr. Charles “Charlie” Hanson, age 85, devoted Pueblo orthopedic surgeon of 52 years, passed away on April 25, 2024, following a stroke at his home in Beulah, Colorado. He took tremendous pride in offering “orthopedic care now” through his full-time surgical and clinical practice right up until his passing.

Charlie was born to Alvin and Elizabeth Hanson on July 16, 1938, growing up with his two sisters on a dairy farm in Belle Center, Ohio. His rural upbringing influenced his future dreams, and his parents instilled in him the importance of education. As a youth, he participated in basketball and baseball, inspiring a lifelong love of sports.

While attending Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois, Charlie met his wife, Diane Hoof. They married shortly after graduation in 1960 in Park Ridge, Illinois. Charlie dedicated himself to pursuing his medical degree at Ohio State University. He graduated in 1964 with surgical honors. At the same time, he and Diane started their family—children Holly, Greta, and Eric.

Charlie served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, New Hampshire from 1965-1967. He then completed his medical and orthopedic residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Dearborn, Michigan, becoming a board-certified orthopedic surgeon in 1972.

Drawn to Pueblo, Colorado by an ad appealing for physicians to open a practice in the area, Dr. Hanson and his family moved to Owl Canyon Ranch in nearby Beulah in 1972. He then started his orthopedic practice, bringing his vision of world-class medicine to southern Colorado. He was a co-founder of Southern Colorado Clinic, Southern Colorado Clinic Urgent Care Centers, Southern Colorado Health Plan, and founder/owner of Hanson Clinic.

Recognizing the critical importance of timely medical care, Dr. Hanson was instrumental in establishing the first ambulance service in Beulah. He was also involved with the initial training of Beulah's EMTs.

Ranch life in Beulah allowed him to pursue his agriculture and animal husbandry interests. He was instrumental in guiding the family's care and management of sheep, hogs, beef and took a particular interest in dairy cattle. Focused on genetics, he developed and owned a purebred herd of Ayrshire dairy cattle, which the family showed across the country. He also brought the popular "Bessie Milk-A-Cow Exhibit" to life at the Colorado State Fair.

After Diane's passing, he married Marsha Flowers and welcomed her children Brandice, Colin, Derek, and Brock to the family. Marsha lovingly cared for Charlie and their extended families, and together they nurtured Owl Canyon Ranch. Marsha also managed his medical practice for 33 years.

Dr. Hanson reveled in caring for generations of families, from newborns to the elderly, always taking time to listen to their stories. He demanded the best from his dedicated teams, both at the clinic and hospitals, keeping patients' interests at the forefront.

Dr. Hanson was a lifelong student, driven to teach and encourage those around him. He delighted in connecting with his 14 grandchildren, staying on top of current events, technology, reading, family poker games, ball games,

and spending time on the ranch. He had a good sense of humor and never shied away from offering sage advice.

He will be missed beyond measure.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha Flowers; his children, Holly Hanson (Doug Proal) and Greta Hanson (Steve) Maurer, his bonus children Brandice (Ryan) Eslinger, Colin (Ashley) Flowers, Brock (Jessica) Flowers, and Derek (Brittney) Flowers; grandchildren Meghann, Hannah, Diane, Daniel, Jace, Javin, Ajay, William, Dylan, Jett, Carter, Chloe, Myla, and Maxton; sisters Dorothy McKenzie and Margaret Koop. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Elizabeth Hanson; his first wife, Diane Hanson; and his son, Eric Hanson.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Beulah Fire Protection and Ambulance District, P.O. Box 826, Beulah, CO 81023. Online condolences at www.roselawnpueblo.org.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at the Creative Arts Building on the Colorado State Fairgrounds.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 6. 1:00 PM (MT)

Creative Arts Building @ The Colorado State Fair Grounds
1001 Beulah Ave
Pueblo, CO 81004

Tribute Wall

NO

“ *Dr. Hanson was one of the Surgeons that took good care of my daughter after a near fatal accident. He was the most kind and gentle doctor. He made my daughter feel comfortable during her long stressful healing.*



Naomi Ortega - December 05, 2024 at 05:23 PM

WC

“ *With love, Gabe Lucas and Anthony Cooper purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Charles Alvin Hanson.*



With love, Gabe Lucas and Anthony Cooper - June 05, 2024 at 11:51 AM

AK

“ *Andy and Beth Kambich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Charles Alvin Hanson.*

Andy and Beth Kambich - May 29, 2024 at 09:00 AM

AK

“ *Andy and Beth Kambich purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Dr. Charles Alvin Hanson.*



Andy and Beth Kambich - May 29, 2024 at 09:00 AM

DW

“ Was in the clinic the week before, I am so glad ,he looked great, energetic, he said it was 6 years since I was in. I remembered back then I asked " are you ever going to retire? he just smiled, then I asked " Will you at least let Marsha retire?? no comment!! So many memories all the way back to Dr.Hanson and Dr.Frost...I am so proud of how your families have merged and grown. Charlie guess this was your way to retire...see you soon...DeeDee Wright

DeeDee Wright - May 09, 2024 at 11:06 PM

GH

“ I had the pleasure of working for Dr. Hanson the last 4 years and what a gem this man was. Talk about competent, hardworking, determined, and always there for his patients. He was a rare breed of old school doctors and an excellent surgeon. Dr. Hanson will always be remembered.

Garrett Harrison

Garrett Harrison - May 09, 2024 at 06:21 PM

RV

“ Dr. Hanson took the best care of my mom Maria Torres. We will never forget his kindness. My prayers are with you all.
Rose Vest

Rosemarie Vest - May 08, 2024 at 11:40 PM

BR

“ Brenda Rodriquez lit a candle in memory of
Dr. Charles Alvin Hanson



Brenda Rodriquez - May 08, 2024 at 04:31 PM

BR

“ *Dr. Hanson was my doctor since I was in high school. He was such a great man and doctor I will miss him.*
Brenda Rodriquez

Brenda Rodriquez - May 08, 2024 at 04:31 PM

PC

“ *I work for Dr Hanson at Southern Colorado Clinic for 26 years. Was there the day he started and he wanted to Dr 7. Enjoyed working for him. Had to remind him to turn his hospital charges in at the end of the billing cycle. Pam (Pankey) Crofts*

Pam Crofts - May 06, 2024 at 01:34 PM

RP

“ *I had the honor of working with Dr Hansen and Dr Frost at southern Colorado Clinic. He was a great surgeon and taught me so much. I knew the day he didn't throw my notes in the trash id made it. He was a perfectionist but oh so talented. Prayers to his family. Rachel Perricone*

Rachel perricone - May 06, 2024 at 10:35 AM

BM

“ *I knew Charlie as an orthopedic colleague in Pueblo for well over 20 years. I always considered him a mentor, not only as a surgeon, but as a person. His wisdom, kindness, tirelessness, and skill will always be remembered.*
Bruce Taylor

Bruce Taylor, PhD, MD - May 05, 2024 at 08:58 PM

DA

“ I worked at Southern Colorado Clinic in the business office. I had a lot of interaction with Dr. #7. He was always polite when discussing patient accounts. He would bring a greased pig to our annual picnics and whatever kid caught it they got to keep it. My deepest condolences to his family.

Diana Alvarado

Diana Alvarado - May 05, 2024 at 07:29 PM

DC

“ I worked for Dr Hanson directly, having a small corner of his office at Southern Colorado Clinic. At first it was nerve wracking being in his office; however, it soon changed to a wonderful place to be when transcribing his notes, histories and physicals. He was a super down-to-earth physician to work for and allowed me to see first hand what a meticulous orthopedic surgeon he was. He was a wonderful orthopedist who helped so very many over the years. I know he will be missed by all who knew him. My condolences to all of his family for their loss. May God be with you all during this difficult time.

Dorothy Caple

Dorothy Caple - May 05, 2024 at 06:16 PM

CM

“ Charlie Hanson was an outstanding orthopedic surgeon who took great care of his patients. His many patients, over many years, were always in praise of his surgical skills that helped their problem. Charlie was one of the founding partners of the Southern Colorado Clinic. During the early days of the Clinic, he worked hard to help establish the reputation of the Clinic. It was Charlie that I chose to repair my ruptured Achilles tendon, acquired from a tennis injury, allowing me to go on to become an average tennis player. Charlie was also influential in bringing to Pueblo, the former Chief of Orthopedics at Henry Ford Hospital, Hal Frost, MD, who also was a renown bone researcher. Hal added much to the practice of orthopedics locally and nationally. Charlie also had a wonderful, supportive family who themselves added much to our community over many years.

Carl Bartecchi

Carl Bartecchi, MD - May 05, 2024 at 01:14 PM

 Kris
Allen

“ I am really grateful to Dr. Hanson that he took care of my broken ankle. But I am also grateful that he raised such a wonderful family. My heart goes out to them.

Kris Allen - May 05, 2024 at 01:11 PM

LJ

“ Very thankful for the gifts that Dr. Hanson possessed as a Surgeon. He provided much healing and comfort to my Mother during the surgeries she needed toward he end of her life. My thoughts and prayers of comfort and healing are for his family and friends who morn his loss.

Lawrence Chavez Jr - May 04, 2024 at 11:03 AM

CM

“ *Holly, I was so sorry to read of your Dad,s passing.. Just wanted to take a minute and let you know I was thinking of you. Claudette Milisavljevich*

Claudette Milissavljevich - May 03, 2024 at 08:11 PM