



Marcia Hansen – Tree Dedication
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Presentation made by Tom Marple

Marcia Hansen was born and raised in western North Dakota, but has been a resident of Mandan, ND for many years. She attended NDSU in Fargo, ND for two years and two years at Arizona University in Tempe, Arizona where she received her bachelor's degree in Clothing and Textiles with a minor in business. She worked in Law Enforcement and Corrections for several years.

Marcia served as President of Sverdrup Lodge #107 from in 2009 and 2010. She also served as leader of the Norwegian language classes the past few years.

It was important to her to find her roots in Norway. She knew that all four of her grandparents had been born and raised in Norway and that all four of them had been caught up in what was referred to as "America Fever".

Her dad's parents had died before Marcia was born but she did have the privilege of knowing her Mom's parents! Both of Marcia's parents died far too young. Her Dad was only 60 and her mom was 67. Those are young ages by today's standards! Marcia was determined to find her relatives in Norway and connect the dots of her heritage. It took many years, but she did it! It truly was a "dream come true".

A few years later Marcia and three of her 1st cousins made a trip to Norway. The three cousins had been to Norway before, but had never connected with the relatives. This time they did. Truly a magical trip. It was an honor for Marcia to have been the catalyst for reconnecting the family lines!

Marcia is three quarters Tronder and one quarter Halling. Over the years Marcia has had the privilege of helping many other people with Norwegian roots to find their people and family history in Norway. It really was like being a private investigator.

Howard and Marcia did a lot of traveling but sadly, Howard died September 1, 2018 at the University of Minnesota Hospital.

Marcia's four children Jason, Kristin, Kimberly, and Kayla were a major blessing and joy throughout the years. But there too some rain must fall. Marcia's youngest daughter Kayla died very unexpectedly on April 12, 2019.

There are many blessings n grandchildren. She has ten of these plus one in heaven. Great grandchildren are here now, too. How precious.