

Good evening --

I beg your indulgence for a brief remembrance I wish to share with you. It's nothing to do with the markets and such. It is instead my simple attempt to acknowledge a great man -- one of the great American statesmen of all time -- who just left us...but whose passing went virtually unnoticed and unreported.

It is good for every man to have a hero; preferably more than one. These are older, more learned men to whom one can aspire; men whose Faith, fight for our culture and liberty and values set an example to be followed.



**George V. Hansen
Sept. 14, 1930 - Aug. 14, 2014**

I have had a few heroes in my own life. One of them passed away late last week; one who -- to me directly, as well as in my presence otherwise on a number of occasions--combined his love for mankind with his steadfast vigor to loudly stand up against tyranny.

That hero of mine was -- IS -- former Congressman George Hansen (R-Idaho.)

George was a giant in more than his physical stature. His courage was unparalleled. Those who know his story - of the federal government's retribution against him for the writing and publishing *while a Member of Congress* of his expose of the I.R.S. entitled "To Harass our People" - know what torture he and his family were

put through for standing up for liberty.

Tragically, George's passing last week a month shy of his 84th birthday went virtually unnoticed. Such is the sad state of affairs - and conscience and remembrance - in our land today.

But I remember this great man with love and admiration. I treasure the too few times I was in his presence; at liberty forums, expos and over coffee. I was honored to too briefly work shoulder-to-shoulder with him.

I will treasure our photos together. I treasure his warmly autographed "first generation" copy of his book to insignificant me. That book is one of the most precious of a library of many thousands.

George Hansen's life will one day receive greater prominence, when future historians look back to those patriots who stood in the gap and fought their best as their liberties and nation crumbled. He should have been appreciated far more in this life; and better remembered at his death. As these things sadly so often go, his greatness will only fully be appreciated long after even those of you reading this are gone.

Knowing George Hansen...breaking bread with him...being on the same platform a few times...his gregarious and mild mannered attitude...his love of God and Country...I could go on much longer. I honor him and his memory. I am happy he is now back in the arms of his wife Connie. And I will look forward to renewing acquaintances with this great man one glorious day.

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