

## James Einarson Hanson (Hansen)

Born: Dec 19 1915  
on Island

Died: Aug 24, 1982

Period of Service: WW II  
Merchant Marine  
Sources: Monument,  
*Cemetery JG, Am Legion*  
*Scrapbook – box 17*

Jim served in the US Merchant Marine as an engineer for ten years, managed Ed Anderson's potato farm for 17 years and worked with Peterson Shipbuilding for 14 years in Sturgeon Bay, retiring from there in 1980. In January, 1941, Jim was at the Maritime School at Hoffman Island, NY for three months and got his mate's license the following year. So many men serving in the merchant marine at the beginning of WWII left to join the military that the government told the ore boat officers to stay on the boats because they were needed there. When the boats were iced in during the winter, the men would work in defense plants, as did Jim in Indiana Harbor, IN, where his uncle lived nearby.

Served aboard *SS David P. Thompson*, Marine PO Detroit, MI. when in the Merchant Marine on the Great Lakes.

He married Dorothy Foster from Kenosha, and had five children, one of whom is Lois Jessen from Karly's as well as Ardis, James, Jon, and Ward.

Though he was of the Hansen family, his name was spelled 'Hanson' on the birth certificate.

