Hear Me Out



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Dear Readers, It is with a profound amount of sadness that we at *The Clintonville Chronicle* mourn the loss of our beloved columnist, Joan "Red" Hansen.

When we first began our newspaper in 2009, several people quickly requested that we hire Red, as they were big fans of her relatable, often humorous columns.

Joan continued writing for us throughout more than a decade, stopping only after suffering a stroke last year, when her daughter, Katie, took over the family column. Her following had grown to the point that readers would call to inquire about her if it didn't appear that week.

She made many friends through her column, and brought a lot of much-needed laughter to our lives. Whether she was regaling us all with tales of her attempts to try on compression garments, amusing us with her forgetful memory, or sharing stories about her beloved family, Joan connected with us all through her column.

One column in particular that she wrote about her late husband brought much comfort to her fellow widows. While the editing process isn't usually entertaining, we often found ourselves in tears as we read her column late into the evening.

Joan was particularly proud of her family. We grieve this loss with them, for Red felt as much a part of our family. God's blessings to the Hansen family. Rest In Peace, Dear Friend. We miss you already.