

**Walter W. Hansen****1909-1967**

Walter W. Hansen was born in Hartford, South Dakota, 30 July 1901, and died at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oklahoma City 16 January 1967.

He married Gertrude Zabel at Johnson, Nebraska, 4 August 1929. He attended public school at Johnson and Diller, Nebraska, and completed his undergraduate work at Peru State College, Peru, Nebraska. He received the Master of Science and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Michigan in 1929, and the Ph. D. was conferred on him by the University of Nebraska in 1941.

He was principal and superintendent of schools at Seward, Nebraska from 1940 to 1946, assistant professor at the University of Idaho, 1946-1947, associate professor at Oklahoma State University, 1947-1948, professor and head of the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, 1948-1967, vice-dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1953-1967.

The organizations to which he belonged include Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, Oklahoma Academy of Science, American Society of Range Management and the Salem Lutheran Church. His principal fields of interest were range ecology and agricultural botany.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude, a daughter, Mrs. Lynda Johnson of Pensacola, Florida, and three sons, Phillip Hansen of New Orleans, Louisiana, Thomas Hansen, Oklahoma City, and Mark Hansen of the home address, as well as four grandchildren. —U. T. Waterfall.

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