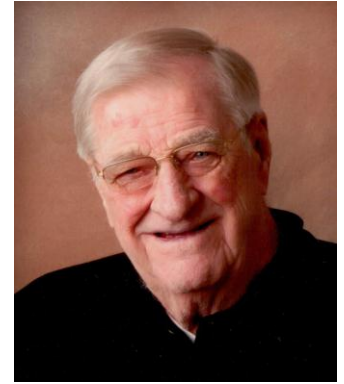




# Howard Hansen

February 14, 1930 ~ February 7, 2013



Howard Hansen, 82, longtime Ogallala businessman, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013 in the Ogallala Community Hospital. Howard suffered from COPD and heart failure. His long time message to his children and grandchildren was to never start smoking.

Howard was born February 14, 1930 at the family farm near Big Springs, the son of Fred and Esther (Rogers) Hansen. He graduated from Big Springs High School in 1949. In September of 1950 he joined the Navy. Upon returning home from a back injury in boot camp he married the love of his life Vera Bayer in Julesburg, Colo.

He was quoted as being a bow-legged westerner with cool blue eyes who could do almost anything that needs doing in a small town. He began his career as a lineman and a state patrolman. He moved on to city management.

In 1952 he served as the assistant city manager in Julesburg, Colo. From 1958 to 1960 he was the City Manager of Limon, Colo. Howard then accepted a position as City Manager in Brush, Colo. and in 1967 was lured away to Sunny, Flo, serving as the City Manager in Fort Meade, Flo. A family illness brought him back to Ogallala where he then took the position of City Manager. Later he became the Zoning Administrator for Keith County.

In Fort Meade, he was a member of the Lions Club, American Legion, Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Florida City Manager Association. Howard's career accomplishments included being President of the Northeastern Colo. Municipal League and was elected Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Brush, Colo.

In Ogallala he was instrumental in the building of the City Administration facility, Police Station, Fire Station, Good All Recreation Center, and the Senior Center. He also helped start the RSVP program. Howard and Vera decided to become entrepreneurs and turned the Good All building into a mini mall and it became known as The Town Square Plaza. They started a game room for Ogallala youth. They then started the Home Made Heaven Sandwich Shop and later relocated to south Spruce Street. The Hansens retired in 2006 and sold their home made food restaurant.

Howard was a member of St. Lukes Catholic Church. His hobbies included camping, fishing, flying airplanes, and spending time with his family.

Preceding him in death were his parents. Survivors include his wife Vera Hansen of Ogallala; three sons: Terry (wife Val) Hansen of Cheyenne, Wy., Dean (wife Sue) Hansen of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Brian (wife Susie) of Running Springs, Cal. A daughter: Robin (husband Dr. Doug) Netz of Lincoln.

Eleven grandchildren: Joshua, Zach, Taylor and Griffin Hansen of Salt Lake City, UT.; Derek and (wife Amanda) Hansen of Loveland, Colo.; Britni and (husband Todd Myers) and Cortni Hansen of Ogallala; and Mallory, Morgan, Nicolette, and Nathan Netz of Lincoln. And two great-grandchildren. One sister Melvadean (Jim) Pickard of Greeley, Colo. One Aunt Ruby Porter of Julesburg, Colo.

The visitation will be Sunday, Feb. 10, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Draucker Funeral Home. The Rosary and Wake Service will be Monday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m. in St. Lukes Catholic Church, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. with Father Bryan Ernest the Celebrant. Interment is in the Ogallala Cemetery with military honors by the United States Navy Funeral Honors Team.

A memorial has been established to the American Heart Association. Online Condolences may be sent to [webmaster@drauckerfh.com](mailto:webmaster@drauckerfh.com)

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.