

Dale Hansen, 86

Jan. 7, 1919 - Jan. 17, 2005

WALNUT — Dale William Hansen was born Jan. 7, 1919, to Barney and Anna (Koos) Hansen in Layton Township, Pottawattamie County. He attended grade school at Monroe Township #5 School and graduated from Walnut High School in 1935. He was inducted into the United States Army in February 1942. He served with the 33rd Infantry Division in three major campaigns. He served in New Guinea, Morotai, the Netherlands, East Indies, Luzon and occupied Japan and was decorated with the Bronze Star. He was discharged in November, 1945.

Dec. 14, 1945, Dale married Frances Maassen of Corley. They made their home on farms north and south of Walnut, finally settling on and later purchasing the Peters farm south of town. They later retired to Avoca into a home they renovated. He was a 50-year member of the American Legion serving in various offices. Dale served as president of the Peace UCC Church Council and was instrumental in the fund-raising and building of the current Peace UCC. He also was a member of the Walnut Community School Board during the building of the current high school building, and on the Board of Directors of Peace Haven. He was a member of the Avoca Golf and Country Club for many years. He died Jan. 17, 2005, at the Avoca Nursing and Care Center at age 86 years and 10 days.

He was preceded in death by his son, Roger; and two infant grandchildren, Amanda Hansen and Jason John. He is survived by his wife, Frances of Walnut; Roger's wife, Janice of Primghar; his son, Lynn (Jane) of Anita; his daughter, Pam (Jim) of Lee's Summit, MO; his son, Jay (Elizabeth) of Grinnell; his grandchildren, Angie Zimmerman (Bryan) and sons, Mason and Matthew of Boone; Susie Larsen (Steve) and son, Jackson of Fayetteville, AR; Mitchel Hansen of Elk City, OK; Tina and Eric John of Lee's Summit, MO; Jill Hansen of Anita; Rachel and Caleb Hansen of Grinnell; and his brother, Vincent Hansen (Phyllis) of Walnut; and sister-in-law, Betty Johnson of Avoca; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 21, 2005, at the Peace United Church of Christ with Rev. Howard Campbell officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Gary Johnson, Bryan Zimmerman, Eric John, Mitchel Hansen, Jeff Hansen, Steve Larsen and Caleb Hansen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.