

## Ronald Hansen, 63

*April 20, 1941 - Jan. 25, 2005*

**LINCOLN, NE** — Ronald Woodrow "Hans" Hansen, son of Woodrow and Elizabeth Hansen, was born April 20, 1941. He was the oldest of three boys. In high school, Ron excelled in football and track and graduated from Harlan High School in 1959. He completed a Technical Arts School degree in Minneapolis, MN following graduation.

In 1960, he entered the Army at Ft. Hood, TX, and shortly thereafter he married his high school sweetheart, Vi (Larsen) in Harlan. Ron served two and a half years in Ft. Hood, TX where their daughter, Kim, was born. He served the last six months in Ft. Polk, LA. Upon discharge in 1963, they made their home in Lincoln, NE, where Ron began his career with the Department of Roads, then located at the state capitol. After selling in, they rejoiced in the birth of their son, David, and two years later their daughter, Michelle. Over the years Ron has been an Active Charter Member of Southwood Lutheran Church, delivered Meals on Wheels, and was a member of the National Guard Army Reserves, and the Masons.

Ron was preceded in death by his father, Woodrow Wilson Hansen. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Vi (Larsen) Hansen of Lincoln, NE; his daughters, Kim (Bill) Booth of Niskayuna, NY and Michelle (Tim) Stortz of Olathe, KS; a son, David (Andrea) Hansen of Newport, RI; grandchildren, Emily Booth and Spencer Booth of Niskayuna, NY; Chandler Stortz and Paige Stortz of Olathe, KS; and Brielle Hansen and Hunter Hansen of Newport, RI; his mother, Elizabeth Hansen of Harlan; his brothers, Phil (Jill) Hansen of Fort Dodge and Byron (Nan) Hansen of Rockton, IL; his sister-in-law, Donna (Bob) Wels of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 29, 2005, at Southwood Lutheran Church in Lincoln, NE, with Pastor Greg Olson officiating. Burial was in the Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery.

