

## Helen Hansen

*Dec. 24, 19?? - Aug. 9, 2005*

**BLAIR, NE** — Helen Hansen was born the daughter of Peter and Clara (Rasmussen) Olsen in rural Jacksonville, Dec. 24, 19??. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She moved to Blair, NE and lived there until she moved to Omaha to live at Parson's House Retirement Home.

Helen was married to and divorced from Gerald Hansen. She received her Bachelor's degree from Dana College and her Master's degree from the University of Nebraska - Omaha. Helen was very active in many professional organizations, serving as an officer for the Blair Education Association, the Nebraska State Education Association and teacher's sorority Alpha Delta Kappa. She had twin passions, music and children. She taught elementary vocal music in every elementary school in Blair for more than 35 years, teaching three generations of students. In addition to classroom teaching, she directed a series of operettas for sixth grade students, a swing choir, and an annual spring concert for over 500 fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. She directed the youth choir at First Lutheran Church for many years. She performed with Opera Omaha and was a frequent performer at weddings and other events. She died Aug. 9, 2005, of complications of Alzheimer's Disease.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Edna Larson; and a daughter, Cynthia Loy. She is survived by her son, Randall (Ginger) Hansen of Omaha; her daughter, Deborah (Lon) Giberson of Marlton, NJ; her brother, Harold Olson of Harlan; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 15, 2005, at First Lutheran Church in Blair, NE. Graveside services were in the Jacksonville Cemetery. Campbell-Aman Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.