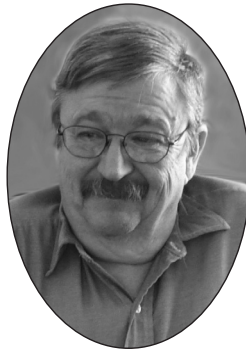


In Memoriam



David H. Hansen 1945–2009

David Hansen, a lifetime member of the Northwest Scientific Association who served as a trustee from 1987–1989 and as treasurer from 1989–2003, died after a brief illness May 13, 2009, in Olympia, Washington. He was 64.

David was born in May 1945 to Henry P. and Helen Hansen in Corvallis, Oregon, where he was raised. After graduating from Corvallis High School in 1963, he earned a bachelor's degree in botany from Oregon State University in 1968. He received a master's degree in biology from the University of Utah in 1970, and a doctorate in population and environmental biology from the University of California-Irvine in 1974.

After receiving his doctorate, David began a teaching career at Pacific Lutheran University, from which he retired in 2006 after 32 years of service. David's area of research was physiological plant ecology and much of his work related to water movement in plants. One of his primary areas of interest was the study of water relations in Koa trees, which started a tradition of teaching the January term in Hawaii. He also collaborated with Don Ryan on a project involving the identification of plants used in ancient Egypt to make rope.

David married Idell Emery in 1968. They lived in Tacoma for many years before moving to Olympia in 1990. They have two daughters, Helen and Marcia; and four grandchildren, Acacia, Terran, Juan and Cristian.

David was beloved by students in whom they found a patient teacher and mentor. He helped students to find employment and positions in graduate programs, and kept in touch with many of them over the years. His service to the Northwest Scientific Association was valued by all who worked with him, and his diligent record keeping and financial management were critical for maintaining the fiscal stability of the organization. He was a great advocate for the association and encouraged students to become members and participate in annual meetings.

A memorial fund in David Hansen's name is being established with the Northwest Scientific Association. Donations may be sent in care of NSA Treasurer Dr. Doug Call, Veterinary Microbiology & Pathology, PO Box 647040, Pullman, WA 99164-7040.