

Deputy Gregory L. Hansen

In Memorium



In Service: April 10, 1987
End of Watch : Feb.05/1992



Deputy Sheriff Gregory L. Hansen died at 10:45 AM on February 5, 1992, while off duty, of injuries he sustained in an automobile accident which occurred on Turnpike Road in the Town of Meredith. At the time, Deputy Hansen was 30 years of age and resided on E. Main Street in Franklin. He left behind a wife and son.

Of his passing, Sheriff Paul Peterson noted: "The Delaware County Sheriff's Department has lost one of its own. Greg Hansen worked with us since April 1987. He was genuinely liked by his superiors and co-workers alike. Whatever Greg was asked to do, he did well. He loved his work and his quick smile, his sense of humor, his eagerness and his warm friendliness will be missed by everyone that knew him. His fellow officers and co-workers will miss him greatly. He will leave an empty spot in our Department and in our hearts."

Co-workers/Friends also commented of Greg:

"He was naturally talented in making people just feel better. This was his gift.....compassion."

"Perhaps the most important fact about Greg Hansen was his determination and dedication to his duties."

"His ability to relate to and control inmates in various situations is without peer. Some of these instances include violence among inmates and his ability to calm things down was usually thorough verbal means even though his size would make other methods quicker."

Concerning Deputy Hansen and the Gregory Hansen Memorial Criminal Justice Scholarship which was established in 2003, a close friend and fellow officer noted:

"We will never forget him because his friends have immortalized his name in hopes that maybe some day someone will go to college and make a difference in someone's life the way my friend Greg has made a difference in mine. In speaking for your employees I feel that I can say that it has been an honor and a privilege to have been able to serve with Deputy Sheriff Gregory Hansen and I feel that your employees are better for it. He has touched all of us, and I feel that he will continue to touch us with his spirit."

It is our hope that Deputy Hansen would be honored to know that the scholarship fund founded in his memory is still thriving and perpetually promotes the profession he was proud to serve.