

# Bertil L. Hanson

September 8, 1932 – May 7, 2024

Bertil L. Hanson, 91, was born on September 8, 1932, in Chicago, to Birger and Cecilia (Eriksson) Hansson, and passed away on May 7, 2024, in Dallas. He grew up in Rogers Park, IL, and was the only child of his immigrant parents. Bertil earned his bachelor's degree at Northwestern University and enlisted in the US Army in 1953, serving in Heidelberg, West Germany, at the end of the Korean War. He remained on active duty until 1955 and was honorably discharged as a corporal in 1961. Following his return home, he earned his master's degree and doctorate at the University of Chicago. Bertil moved to Stillwater in 1957 when he accepted a position in the Political Science Department at Oklahoma State University where he worked for more than 35 years. Bert and Adelia Castor met in Stillwater and were married in 1964. During his career, Bertil was a Fulbright Scholar in Norway (1966-67 academic year), had a sabbatical in Uppsala, Sweden in 1973-74, had a sabbatical in Umea, Sweden in 1993-94, and then in Dublin, Ireland in 1996-97. Bertil and Adelia were the parents of two sons, Jon and Peter. Adelia predeceased Bertil in 2016, after which he moved to Dallas to live near his son Peter. He is survived by his son Jon, wife Emily, and their son Reed, as well as by Peter and wife Catalina and their sons, Matias, Nicolas, and Benjamin.