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Vaughn Larsen

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Word has been received that Vaughn S. Larsen, 22, a member of the United States Coast Guard and prominent 1943 graduate of Kearney State Teachers' College, died Tuesday morning, December 7, at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, where he was located, after an illness of one week.

Larsen, who was born in Kenesaw in 1921, moved to Kearney with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace G. Larsen, and attended high school here. Two years ago the family moved to Hastings. Larsen was well-known for his work in speech and dramatics throughout his college career, was a member of the Phi Tau fraternity and of the Student Council. He was active in the Order of Demolay.

After enlisting in the Coast Guard last September, Larsen was first stationed at Alameda, California, and later was sent to Fort Robinson.

Surviving besides his parents are: his wife, the former Arlene Kessler who also attended NSTC; a brother, Paul C. Larsen, Hastings; a sister, Mrs. V. H. Banks, Grand Island; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Carrie Strode of Nelson.

A number of college students and instructors attended the funeral services in Hastings Thursday afternoon. The college bus was used for transportation purposes.