

Robert William Hohn

Robert William Hohn, 92, of San Angelo, Texas, died on August 15, 2009. He was born April 6, 1917, in Cherry Grove, Ohio, which is now part of Cincinnati, and graduated from Steele High School in Dayton in 1934. Bob attended Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in music in 1938 and a Bachelor of Music with a teaching certificate in 1939. He was a member of Jonda fraternity while at Otterbein. On September 23, 1939, he married Esther Jeanette Day. He taught music in Rushsylvania, Ohio, schools in 1939-40 and band, orchestra, and choir at Fairview High School in Dayton from 1940 to 1943, where all groups received a superior rating at the state contest. During the summer of 1941, he studied voice with Bruce Foote at Northwestern University. He was commissioned into the Navy and served from 1943 to 1946. After discharge, he studied voice at the Julliard School of Music during the summer of 1946 and then attended the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, receiving a Master of Music in voice in 1947. Bob accepted a position at Otterbein College to teach voice and held that position until 1960. During his time at Otterbein, he formed the A Cappella Choir, which toured annually.

Bob began part-time work on a doctorate at Indiana University in 1953, was in residence for the 1954-1955 academic year and received a Doctor of Music Education in 1959. From 1960 to 1979, he taught voice and various music education courses at Bowling Green State University in Ohio and acted as associate dean of the College of Music from 1971 to 1974.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-nine years, Esther, his daughter, Carolyn Sunderman and her husband, Norman, of San Angelo, Texas, his son, Michael Hohn and his wife, Sharon, of Cincinnati, and his grandson, Kurt Sunderman and his wife, Monica, of Chicago, Illinois.

Members of the Hohn family who also graduated from Otterbein included his wife Esther Jeanette Day Hohn (1939), father, Lewis Michael Hohn (1916), brother, Wendell Albert Hohn (1935), sister-in-law, Kathryn Winifred Moore Hohn (1937), and nephews, Richard Craig Hohn (1962) and Roger Albert Hohn (1966).