Leonard R. Benson, emeritus professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, died on September 14, 1989, at the age of 95. He was buried in Nehawka, Nebraska.

Professor Benson was born on December 22, 1893, on a farm near Upland, Nebraska. He was one of twelve children born to Swedish immigrant parents. Professor Benson earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Doane College in 1915. Two years later he enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in France at the time of the Armistice. Afterwards, he worked as a high school principal in Oakland, Nebraska, and served as the superintendent of public schools in Colome, South Dakota.

In 1936 he was awarded a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Iowa and joined the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin in 1937, where he taught for 27 years before retiring in 1964. At the University he developed courses in metallurgy, his specialty, and in manufacturing processes.

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