



Norris Durham

March 13, 1936 - January 26, 2011

CEDAR FALLS-Dr. Norris M. Durham, 74, of Cedar Falls died Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at his home in Cedar Falls.

He was born March 13, 1936, in Philadelphia, PA, the son of Archie M. and Frieda E. (Russell) Durham. He served his country in the United States Air Force. He was united in marriage to Louise Hackenberg in 1971 in Detroit, MI. She died February 16, 2010. He received his Master of Arts degree from New York University and his PhD from Penn State University. He was employed as a professor of anthropology at Wayne State University, Detroit, MI from 1970-1974, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay from 1974-1979, and at the University of Northern Iowa from 1980 until his retirement in 2002.

Survived by two nephews, Donald J. Hackenberg of Milesburg, PA and Dennis R. Hackenberg of Unionville, PA; niece, Diane M. Gates of Runville, PA; mother of Philadelphia, PA; sister, Frieda Crampton of Philadelphia, PA; step granddaughter, Riki Duck of Loganton, PA; and step great grandson, Bryton W. Duck.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Richardson Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Cedar Bend Humane Society. Online condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Truly a great man that will be deeply missed. I had the great pleasure of having Dr. Durham as a professor for several classes, including an independent study. Dr. Durham was so passionate when teaching and he always captivated the class with his personal stories from the field. Stories which were filled with such excitement but yet they actually tied together concepts and kept you thinking. The University was lucky to have such a brilliant man inspiring and educating future generations. The last I spoke to him was when I informed him that my wife and I had named our premature son who had died after 2 days after him. I hope he felt how truly honored I am to be inspired by him.

March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Fifi,
I am saddened to learn of Norris' death. He was a good man and though it has been many years since I have seen him, I remember him fondly. I send my condolences to you and your mother.
Louise Sulitan Barreda

February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I was deeply saddened to have heard of the passing of Dr. Durham. Not only was he my college advisor while attending UNI, but he, along with his wife, Louise, had become dear dear friends over the past 20 years. He was truly an inspiration to me in more ways than he'll ever know. I feel blessed to have had our paths cross and will forever hold a special place in my heart for the both of them. You are correct Mr. Walker, the answering machine message was quite intimidating, ("Now you say something..."), yet, it always made me smile knowing he got a big kick out of recording it! Many blessings to you both, Norris and Louise, and much praise and love from my heart to yours!

February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I will never forget my classes I had with Dr. Durham during my undergraduate program at UNI. For one class he invited us into his home and cooked exotic meals for the class.

He was a great professor and I am sure his students will remember him forever.

January 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am truly saddened to learn of Norris's death. Although we haven't seen much of each other since he retired, we worked together for years. Norris chaired a committee that implemented federal guidelines when UNI faculty, staff and students used human subjects in their research. I was an Associate Dean in the Graduate College and administered the review process. With me Norris was always a kind and thoughtful man; I envied his rich baritone voice. One of my favorite memories is Norris' unique voice mail message: "now you talk"!!! I will miss him.

January 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM