

We are sad to report that Professor Emeritus Dick Hoppin passed away on Friday, January 6th, 2012. Dick served in the Air Force in World War II and later in the Reserves in Korea as a meteorologist. He received his BA and MS degrees from the University of Minnesota and a PhD from the California Institute of Technology. He came to the University of Iowa in 1952 and served as Chair of the Geology Department from 1974-1983. For decades, geology students took structural geology from him. He also taught Geotectonics and Remote Sensing. He was a strong proponent of getting students out in the field to see geology first hand. He led many field trips related to his courses, he was director of the UI summer field course for 10 years, and subsequently was the Iowa representative in the joint field camp at Park City, Utah. He served as book editor for the Geological Society of America from 1989-1995 and received a distinguished service award. His interest in the broad field of geology lasted a lifetime. He published early seminal papers on the geology of the Bighorn Mountains and the Manson Impact Structure in Iowa. He also was an early user of satellite photography and remote sensing in his research on the Bighorns and other areas of the West. He continued to come to departmental seminars each Friday to hear talks on a wide range of subjects right up to the end. He was beloved by his family, friends, colleagues, and former students, and he will be sorely missed.