

In Memoriam

Alumni

- Florence Dummer Harrison** '33, '59W
(EdM), February 2010
- Edythe Brown Walters** '33,
March 2010
- Gretchen Wilcox Hartman** '35,
November 2009
- Jane Welch Barager** '36,
May 2009
- Leone Coffey Dinelli** '36,
September 2009
- Marjorie Heise Spencer** '36,
August 2009
- Herman C. Nowack** '39,
March 2010
- Margaret Rathbun-Ames** '39, '43M (MD),
December 2009
- Alan H. Gleason** '41 (MA),
January 2010
- Miriam Bittker Clark** '42,
March 2010
- Elihu G. Grossman** '42,
July 2009
- Edward H. Easley** '43E, '48E (MM),
March 2010
- Louise Blamire Fowler** '43,
February 2010
- Janeth Wharry McGreal** '43E,
February 2009
- Martin F. Randolph** '43M (MD),
March 2010
- David C. Thurber** '43M (MD),
February 2010
- Eric Linhof** '44,
March 2010
- E. Gregory Thomas** '44,
March 2010
- Douglas H. Wilson** '44,
February 2010
- Vivian Bucknam** '45,
October 2009
- Ida Versaci** '45,
February 2010
- Jean Phillips Dorman** '46,
December 2009
- Dorothy Taylor Selden** '46N, '65N (MS),
June 2009
- Nancy Wakeley Ghent** '47N,
July 2007
- Jane Wetherby Syron** '47N,
March 2010
- Margaret Brant Adams** '48,
February 2010
- Janet Davidson Birk** '48N,
February 2010
- Joseph E. Perry** '48 (PhD),
February 2010
- Harry J. Wahler** '48E, '48E (MM),
December 2009

TRIBUTE

Frank Shuffelton: A Lifetime of Achievement

Last spring, the English department held a symposium to honor Frank Shuffelton as he became a professor emeritus after 40 years of teaching and scholarship at Rochester.

A distinguished panel of scholars discussed the importance of Frank's work in the field of 17th- and 18th-century American literature. That work had earned him a lifetime achievement award from the early American literature section of the Modern Languages Association just two years before.

Many scholars also wrote to testify to their personal and professional debt to Frank, whose cheerful and encouraging presence and his willingness to assist younger scholars is something of a legend.

Frank, who died in March, was my colleague for 22 years, during which he taught me extraordinary lessons about how to produce engaged scholarship in my field of 19th-century American literature. Frank was focused on the American Enlightenment, and especially on the protean figure of Thomas Jefferson. His name became deeply associated with the best, most useful, and most interesting work being done on Jefferson. In addition to dozens of influential articles, he completed, in the early 1990s, one of the great resources in Jefferson studies: a two volume, comprehensive, annotated bibliography of writings about Jefferson that begins in 1826 and ends in 1990. *Thomas Jefferson: A Comprehensive Annotated Bibliography of Writings about Him* is a monument to scholarly commitment, generosity, and intelligence.

Frank was likely to enter rooms with a good humored wave and one of two



SHUFFELTON: His work included “one of the great resources in Jefferson studies.”

signature greetings: either “Hiya, hiya, hiya” (which he once told me he adapted from the *Howdy Doody Show*, which he had watched as a boy); or “Greetings, scholars.” When Frank was chair of the department, he organized a conference in honor of the 50th anniversary of our graduate program in which many of our alumni, now members of the profession themselves, returned to give papers and share memories. One distinguished professor, teaching at the University of North Carolina, remembered how Frank had been the first person ever to call him a scholar. Frank's greeting had been, for him, an important moment of self-realization.

—John Michael

John Michael is the chair of the English department at Rochester.

- Dorothy Buckingham Bley** '49,
January 2010
- Jane Doolittle Lough** '49 (MS),
January 2010
- Charlotte Cook Brown** '50,
February 2010
- Lawrence P. DeBoer** '50, '52 (MA),
February 2010
- Margaret Corcoran Geier** '50,
March 2010
- Alice Connell** '51,
February 2010
- Richard L. Dunham** '51,
January 2010
- Janet Faulkner** '51N,
February 2010

- Rose Fallico Finelli** '51N,
February 2010
- Joyce Gardner** '51,
January 2010
- Harold C. Kellogg** '51,
February 2010
- Robert M. Shipman** '51,
February 2010
- Donn C. Barton** '52M (MD),
January 2010
- Lois Kinley Brown** '52,
October 2009
- Isidore Levine** '52M (MD),
March 2010
- Bruce J. Dropesky** '53 (PhD),
November 2009