

## **In Memoriam**

### **Charles W. Hobart (1926 - 2011)**

Dear Colleagues:

I regret to inform you that Dr. Charles (Chuck) W. Hobart, Professor Emeritus, passed away November 1, 2011. Dr. Hobart came to the Sociology Department in 1962 and retired in December 1992. He was Chair of the department from 1972 to 1975.

Dr. Hobart was born August 7, 1926 in Swataw, south China, of missionary parents and lived there for the first fourteen years of his life. In the United States, he served with the American Navy during World War II before entering university. He received a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Redlands in 1950, an M.A. in 1951 from the University of Southern California and his PhD in 1955 from Indiana University. He taught Sociology at the University of Redlands from 1954 to August 1962 when he came to the University of Alberta. He taught and conducted research in the areas of family, religion and socialization and became an expert on the Canadian North and indigenous peoples there. He also served as a consultant on the building of dams in China and the building of a pipeline in Northern Canada.

A memorial service is being planned and will be announced once the details are finalized.

On behalf of the department, I extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends and former colleagues.

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