In memoriam Arthur William Hoglund

Professor Emeritus of History University of Connecticut

Sept. 4, 1926 - May 1, 2008



HOGLUND, Arthur William, 81, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida passed away peacefully in the presence of friends on May 1, 2008. Arthur (Bill) was born in Baltimore, Maryland on September 4, 1926. He is predeceased by his Finnish-born father, Arthur Alexander Hoglund, and his mother, Sigrid Hoglund. Bill is preceded in death by his sister, Thelma Hoglund who died in 1946. After graduating from Spencer High School in 1945 Bill attended Cornell University where he received a BA degree in History in 1949. He then enrolled in graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin where he obtained both a Master's degree (1950) and Ph.D. (1957) in History. While working on his Ph.D. he was drafted and spent four years in the army. His dissertation, entitled Paradise Rebuilt: Finnish Immigrants and Their

America, 1880-1920 was the groundwork for several books and articles on Finnish Immigrants in America. In September, 1957 Bill became Assistant Professor at Muskingum College, in New Concord, Ohio where he taught until 1961. In September 1961, he accepted a faculty position at the University of Connecticut where he remained Professor of History for 36 years until his retirement in 1997. His dedication and service to Finnish Americans led Bill to be Knighted by the Republic of Finland in October 2004 and awarded the medal of the White Rose, the country's highest civilian honor. Before his death, Bill sent his entire Finnish library to the University of Minnesota to be housed in the Arthur William Hoglund Collection. Bill is survived by his life-partner, Kaz Takahashi.