



Charles William Cormack

February 12, 1914 - October 15, 2015

Charles W. Cormack, age 101, died Thursday, October 15, 2015 at his Corvallis home. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.demosdurdan.com.

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“ Charles Cormack was a teacher, humanist, and compassionate and caring person. Chuck was the first anthropologist to teach in the College of Liberal Arts at Oregon State University. He was a member of the Sociology Department in the College of Liberal Arts. Chuck, graduate of the University of Arizona, was one of the first four members of what became the Department of Anthropology in 1969. Getting a PhD in anthropology in his 50s was a second career for Chuck. I was fortunate to teach a course with Chuck on culture and personality. We had both studied with William Kelly at the University of Arizona, and we both graduated in the same year (1968). Since Chuck had been teaching at OSU for several years while finishing his PhD, he came before I did. In the culture and personality course we combined our own ideas with those of Kelly's. Chuck was always concerned about how society treated the less fortunate. He wrote many thoughtful pieces, and we often discussed his ideas on this topic. Chuck was a warm and compassionate colleague, always interested in the families and doings of his colleagues. What helped Chuck live to 101 is his lifelong pursuit of exercise and his stature as a tennis player. He was an outstanding at tennis and took very good care of himself. Chuck lived and experiences a lot in a century. He wanted to make the world better, and he sought to do this in his work with university students.

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