

In Memoriam - Professor Michael Klug

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We regretfully inform the Dalhousie community of the passing of **Professor Michael Klug**, who died on Wednesday August 5, 2009 after an illness. He was 74.

Professor Klug grew up in Minnesota, receiving his B.A. from the University of Minnesota in 1959, his M.A. from Kansas State University in 1961, and his PhD from the University of Illinois in 1966. After joining the Department of English as an Assistant Professor in 1968, he became an Associate Professor in 1975 and attained the rank of Professor in 1985. Primarily a scholar of American literature, Professor Klug published articles on canonical writers such as James Joyce, Saul Bellow, Willa Cather, Flannery O'Connor and F. Scott Fitzgerald. As well as mentoring a generation of undergraduate students, he supervised 22 M.A. theses and 3 PhD theses. Widely known as a generous and inspiring teacher, Professor Klug was awarded the Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1994, the year he retired. "A lot of what you do in the classroom involves more complicated subtle exchanges than just dumping information on students," he remarked in an interview for Dalhousie News. "You have to become human instead of being a machine pumped up with information."

Professor Klug's humanity will be remembered and deeply missed by all who knew him. He leaves his wife Gail, his children Martin, Ann, Matt and Michael, and several grandchildren. **The funeral service will take place at 2 p.m. on Monday August 10** in King's College Chapel, with a reception to follow in the University Club.