Charles Paul Connolly Jr.

Charles Paul Connolly Jr., 74, passed away Friday, Feb. 4, 2011, following a brief illness. Beloved husband and father, he is survived by his wife, Anne; children, Mary Connolly Savoy (Chuck), Mark Connolly, Shaun Connolly (Sonya), Shannon Connolly Kennedy, and Patrick Connolly (Kate); and 10 grandchildren.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he spent summers as a lifeguard in Long Beach, N.Y., served in the U.S. Navy, and received his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. He was a tenured professor of speech and tele communicative arts at Iowa State University, where he taught for 22 years. He traveled the world, speaking on creative thinking. He also was an active member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. He retired to Arvada, Colo., in 1999. His hobbies included sailing, old movies and traveling.

Interment will be in Fort Logan Cemetery in Denver, Colo.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Collier Hospice, 3210 Lutheran Parkway, Wheat Ridge, Colo. 80033.
Milton Glick, president of the University of Nevada, Reno, and former provost at Iowa State University, died April 16, 2011.

Dr. Glick was born in Memphis, Tenn., in 1937 and grew up in Rock Island, Ill. He earned his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Augustana College in Rock Island in 1959 and his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1965. Following two years of postdoctoral studies at Cornell University, he joined the chemistry faculty at Wayne State University in Detroit and remained there for 17 years. During that time he became a leader of the faculty senate, and for the last five years was chair of the Chemistry Department. In the initial phase of his academic career, Dr. Glick was a noted researcher in the field of X-ray crystallography. His work was funded for 15 consecutive years by the National Science Foundation and he published 99 research articles during that time.

His first senior administrative position was as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Missouri, Columbia, in the mid-1980s. He served as Provost at Iowa State from 1988 to 1991, and for his last eight months was interim president. During his tenure at Iowa State University, Dr. Glick was supportive of shared governance and instrumental in nurturing the transition from an advisory Faculty Council to the Faculty Senate as it now exists. In 1991 he joined the University of Arizona as senior vice president and later became executive vice president and provost. In 2006 he was appointed the 15th president of the University of Nevada, Reno.

An early adopter of technology, Dr. Glick was nationally recognized as an academic leader who envisioned the role of technology in higher education. His presentations to national conferences and seminars on the topic brought together audiences of faculty, administrators and information technology leaders, and contributed to trends and innovations.

He is survived by his wife Peggy; his son David and wife Jennifer and their sons Toby and Elijah; and his son Sander and wife Laura and their daughter Nina.
Ruth Elizabeth (Fisher) Glock was an avid advocate for students seeking careers in apparel design, product development and production. For over thirty years, she worked tirelessly to bring a strong industry focus to the Iowa State Apparel, Merchandising, and Design program. Glock co-authored the well-known text, *Apparel Manufacturing: Sewn Product Quality Analysis*, which currently is in the fourth edition. Through this text, Glock touched the lives of students and professionals around the world.

Glock was instrumental in several pivotal departmental initiatives. She led the way in transforming the program focus from home sewing to an industry-orientated focus, including the change to industrial equipment, resulting in students being better prepared for a career in the apparel industry. Her tireless efforts also included expanding the program’s student internship program, expanding study tour and study abroad experiences, and forging links between the department and the apparel industry. Her leadership led to the program’s endorsement by the American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA) one of only 13 programs with this endorsement. Her understanding of industry trends, curiosity, and forward-thinking helped make the AMD program what it is today.

Glock was born in Omaha, Nebraska August 10, 1937, to Helen Benson and George Fisher. She received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Nebraska in 1958 and her master’s degree from Iowa State University in 1979.

Among her many accomplishments and affiliations, Glock was a member of the AAFA Executive Leadership Council, faculty fellow of the Textile Clothing Technology Corporation, a member of the International Textile Apparel Association and a member of Alpha Chi Omega. Glock was named Educator of the Year in 1998 by Bobbin, an apparel manufacturing trade publication.

A Celebration of Life ceremony and tribute was held Saturday, February 19 at Reiman Gardens on the Iowa State University campus. A memorial scholarship fund will honor Ruth Glock. Donations may be sent to the Ruth Glock Memorial Scholarship Fund at the ISU Foundation, 2505 University Blvd., Ames, IA 50011.

Ruth's smile, wisdom, and dedication to her work family will be greatly missed.

Colby received BA (1960), MS (1962) and PhD (1964) degrees in mathematics from the University of Iowa. He was on the faculty in the Department of Mathematics at Iowa State University from 1964 through his retirement in 1996. Together with Alan Heckenbach he published the undergraduate textbook “Elementary Functions” with Collier Mac Publishers. He had two MS students during his tenure at Iowa State, Thomas Lammers (1970) and Walter Cramer Jr (1975), whose MS thesis was entitled “Numerical Tests for Hexachordal Combinatoriality”.

Colby Kegley has served several churches as organist, beginning at age 13. He has studied organ with Eleanor Taylor at Coe College, Martha Folts at ISU and Gerhard Krapf at the University of Iowa. Since his retirement, he has served as accompanist for the Ames Children's Concert Choir, Ames Chamber Artists, Ames Choral Society, the ISU Opera Studio and dozens of ISU music students. While on leave from ISU during the school year 1976-1977, he accompanied the violinist Carroll Glenn and some of her students at the Manhattan School of Music.

He has appeared as keyboardist with the ISU Symphony Orchestra, the ISU Wind Ensemble and the ISU Concert Band, and is the regular keyboardist with the Central Iowa Symphony. Through 2010 he was a quarter-time organist at United Church of Christ Congregational of Ames and at Memorial Lutheran of Nevada.

He is survived by his daughter, Rachel (Tim) McCann of Johnston, and a son, Neil of Denver, CO , with grandchildren, Keenan McCann, Tyler, Lia, Drake, Maddox, Carter and Ava Kegley.
ALLEN A. KRAFT OBITUARY

Allen A. Kraft, age 87, passed away at home on Saturday, February 5, 2011.

Born in 1923 in Brooklyn, New York, Al’s life was filled with physical hardship—fighting Nazis during World War II as a young man, polio and tuberculosis as a child, and finally, the scleroderma that attacked his body 30 years ago—all endured quietly and with courage. He had a rich life filled with a passion for family, friends, and work.

Educated in public schools in Manhattan and Queens, Al did his undergraduate work at Cornell University and received a B.S. in Animal Husbandry in 1947, the year he married Lillian Shapiro, his devoted wife of over 63 years. He continued his graduate studies at Cornell and received an M.S. in Food Science in 1949. He earned his Ph.D. in Food Technology in 1953 from Iowa State University. His research as a Ph.D. candidate included pioneering work on the effect of light and packaging on meat color. Upon graduation, he joined the staff of the Poultry Products Division of the USDA, where he worked as a food technologist until he moved back to Iowa State, in 1959, joining the department now known as Food Science and Human Nutrition.

As a professor of Food Technology, his research included the spoilage of meats and poultry products, growth and control of salmonellae in meats, poultry, and eggs, packaging of animal products, and the cryogenic freezing of meats and poultry. Such research resulted in more than 150 publications and numerous presentations at national and international conferences, along with more than 15 minutes of fame in mid-December 1976. His idea of using space as a “natural refrigerator” made the national spotlight when David Brinkley reported on Al’s “free freezer in the sky” on the NBC news—a project for “storing perishable foods for extended periods of time.” The project’s formal title, “Space Preservation Applied to Meat,” (SPAM) carried the unofficial moniker, “Pie in the Sky,” one of the myriad examples of Al’s sense of humor, which his colleagues and students continually noted.

During his tenure, he encouraged and mentored many graduate students, who, in letters they wrote to him on his retirement in 1988, described him as “full of spirit,” “humane and scientific,” and “profoundly devoted”—a teacher whose “kindness and good humor were as valuable as his academic guidance.” After his retirement in 1988, he wrote the landmark text in his field, Psychrotrophic Bacteria in Foods, published in 1992. He was a Fellow in both The American Association for the Advancement of Science and The Institute of Food Technologists and a member of many professional
and honorary organizations. He was also an amateur cartoonist, a president and active member of the Ames Kiwanis Club, a member of the Ames Human Relations Commission, and the ISU Music Council.

In 1997, Al and wife Lillian moved to Iowa City. Al’s survivors include his wife Lillian Kraft; daughter Amy Kolen and her husband Michael Kolen of Iowa City; son Robert Kraft of Westerville, Ohio; granddaughter Raychel Kolen and her husband Paul Allen of Eugene, Oregon; granddaughter Jessica Kraft, her husband Jordan Elias, and great-granddaughter Simone Elias of San Francisco, California; grandson Samuel Kraft of Seattle, Washington; and grandson Daniel Kolen, of Chicago, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Diana Hoffman.

A memorial service was held on February 13. Donations in Allen Kraft’s name may be directed to Oaknoll Retirement Residence, 1 Oaknoll Ct., Iowa City, IA 52246. Arrangements by Lensing Funeral and Cremation Service.
William L. Larsen was born to Clarence and Luverne Larsen in Crookston, Minn., on July 16, 1926. He passed away in Coon Rapids, Minn., surrounded by family, on Monday, April 25, 2011.

He graduated from Crookston High School in 1944 and received an officer’s commission into the United States Naval Reserve that year, where he served until midway through his career at Iowa State, leaving the USNR as a lieutenant.

He received a bachelor’s degree of mechanical engineering from Marquette University in 1948 and studied theology at the University of Chicago from 1950-51. He attended The Ohio State University, where he earned a master’s degree in physics in 1950 and a Ph.D. in metallurgical engineering in 1956.

Bill met Gracie Lee Richey, formerly of Roscoe, Texas, during a visit to Minneapolis; they were later married June 19, 1954. They celebrated 55 years of marriage before Gracie passed away in December 2009.

Bill began his working career in 1956 as a research metallurgist at E.I. DuPont Company in Wilmington, Del. However, Bill aspired to teach and secured a position as professor at Iowa State University in 1958, where he remained until his retirement in 1993.

While at ISU, he prepared and taught 30 different courses, ranging from freshman to graduate courses in the metallurgy department, later known as the material science and engineering department. Bill also was an independent consultant to business, industry, insurance and legal firms. His license plate bracket read, “I am a professional engineer, and I don’t drive trains.”

One of the activities he enjoyed the most at ISU was serving as director, advisory committee member, seminar instructor and faculty advisor of the ISU Honors Program. He was also a participant and leader in national honors education programs. Bill relished supporting and aiding the success of his students. He remained in communication with many of them and enjoyed following their careers.

He cherished time with his friends and family. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife,
Gracie. He is survived by his sister, Martha; two sons, Eric (wife Deb), and Tom (wife Carolyn); their beloved grandchildren, Kristin and Alex; and his three grand “dogs.”

Bill also very much enjoyed history, archaeology and spending time hunting, fishing and all things “Minnesota”.

Services are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 12, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames with a reception following at Green Hills Retirement Community’s main dining room. Service and reception times will be announced in the near future in The Tribune and at the Green Hills Retirement Community.
Mary Pickett received her BS degree (1944) and MS degree (1951) from the University of Tennessee. While holding a graduate assistantship and working toward the PhD degree (1958) at Iowa State University she was appointed to the faculty in 1957 as an instructor.

Prior to her career at Iowa State, Mary taught home economics in a high school in Indiana and was a faculty member at the University of Tennessee, the University of Illinois and Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College (now Eastern Kentucky University).

When Dr. Pickett joined the ISU faculty she was a member of the Department of Household Equipment in the College of Home Economics. Later, after mergers and renaming, her appointment was in the Department of Family Environment in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Mary’s career at Iowa State was distinguished, with promotions to assistant professor in 1958, associate professor in 1964 and professor in 1968.

Mary’s areas of teaching and research were varied. Initial research included housing and equipment for women over 60 years of age (prior to the term now so familiar – ‘senior citizen’). Ongoing research focused on equipment and resources for the rehabilitation of the disabled. Dr. Pickett’s research and teaching in this field were prominent long before the 1990 passing and enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Additional research related to lighting for residential and commercial interior spaces.

Courses Dr. Pickett taught over the span of her 35 years at Iowa State were unique to many programs and disciplines in several colleges. They included Housing, Household Equipment, Kitchen and Bath Planning, Residential Lighting, and Designing Spaces for the Disabled. Several - initiated, developed and exclusively taught by her, offered through the Department of Family Environment - were popular electives for students majoring in architecture and interior
design. Residential Lighting eventually became a required course in the accredited Interior Design curriculum.

At the start of the 1979-80 academic year, Dr. Pickett’s appointment was shifted from 100 percent in Family Environment to 75/25 percent Family Environment/Art and Design. Dr. Evan Firestone, Art and Design chair at the time realized Mary’s value to the Interior Design curriculum and orchestrated the joint appointment. Typical of Mary’s total commitment, for the remaining years of her employment she attended all faculty meetings, participated in committee assignments, student related activities and social events of both departments and colleges. Her devotion to her position and to Iowa State University was resolute.

Mary was a committee member or major professor for many graduate students. She was specifically generous of time and funding for international students’ success. She was often the first to say, “Let me help,” when a student, faculty or staff member’s concern needed support. For over a decade she and her husband Ralph provided $1000 per academic year to fund two scholarships for interior design students pursuing their required summer internship experience in a major U.S. or international city.

Personal commentary by Interior Design colleague and close friend, Çigdem Akkurt:

“I first knew Mary Pickett as the Interior Design instructor who taught our lighting course. She not only taught Residential Lighting but shed light on the growth of the many of her students by listening to them, guiding them and by making their dreams come true with her generous scholarships and gifts. Mary stayed young until her last moment, mainly because she took pleasure in the young people around her. She understood them and related to them effortlessly. She also loved children and animals. It was a familiar sight to see her stopping on the street to admire an infant or an animal. They always responded and seemed to understand her not so much because of the words, but the tone of her voice.

The best travel companion one could hope for, Mary enjoyed the company as much as new destinations. As a traveler she was amiable, perceptive and inquisitive. She was ready to go any place, any time, as long as she had good company.

Mary appreciated moments of solitude but it was with family and friends when she was the happiest. She loved socializing - many times until midnight by ignoring the kind reminders from Ralph, her dear husband, who would say, “Shall we leave now or wait till tomorrow?” There was not a holiday, a person’s birthday, or death of a pet that she would miss without showering flowers, cards and gifts. She expected nothing in return but when she was remembered with small tokens she would be as surprised and pleased as a little girl! Mary was always there for her friends in their good days and not so good days regardless of what she was doing at the moment. Friends came first whenever there was a need.

Mary was an elegant lady with a keen eye for color and style. The way she dressed, lived and entertained spoke to her high level of style. Her elegant home was her castle but
also the symbol of her sophistication. To me, Mary Pickett was a colleague, mentor, older sister I never had, but above all a true friend! I miss her a lot.”

Dr. Pickett received the Faculty Citation from the ISU Alumni Association in 1977, an award given to selected faculty in recognition of ‘long, outstanding and inspired service to the university’. Among her many honorary and organization memberships, were these: American Home Economics Association, Iowa Home Economics Association, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Nu, Illuminating Engineering Society, Electrical Women’s Round Table, and Sigma Delta Epsilon.

Mary Pickett retired from Iowa State in May 1992. As an emerita professor she continued to devote many hours of involvement with the Interior Design program. She became a docent at Reiman Gardens, spending what would be, thousands of volunteer hours on site. Mary served as a member of the CoHorts board for 17 years promoting tour guides. She spent most of her time as a docent in the conservatory once it was built. Her favorite story was of a little boy who was amazed at the bananas growing inside the conservatory. He returned week after week until one day, Mary finally asked him why he loved coming to Reiman Gardens so much? He responded, “If you’ve got bananas, there’s got to be a monkey here somewhere.” Mary laughed and giggled so much when she retold that story to guest after guest who visited Reiman Gardens. In total, Mary recorded the most hours ever earned by any Gardens’ volunteer – over 8,000 hours.

Submitted by Çigdem Akkurt and Nancy Polster