Dr. John Longshore, HSU Emeritus Professor of Geology; 1936-2012

Dr. John Longshore, beloved professor, husband, father, and grandfather, passed away at his home on October 13, 2012 after an extended battle with cancer.

John came to HSU in 1965 and together with John Young and Frank Kilmer founded the Geology Department at Humboldt State College in 1966. John led the early grant writing efforts to secure the first analytical tools (petrographic microscopes; atomic absorption, x-ray diffraction & x-ray fluorescence spectrometers) in the department.

In 1984, John was awarded the HSU Outstanding Professor Award in recognition of his exceptional teaching and commitment to his students.

Throughout his career, John completed a long list of field mapping and geology consulting projects throughout the western US and inspired innumerable students to develop and pursue their passion for geology.

John entered the Faculty Early Retirement Program in 2000 and continued to teach half time until 2005. He continued to serve as a Senior Thesis advisor throughout his retirement and taught in the department in the spring 2007 to cover for a sabbatical leave.

John’s kindness, patience, high expectations, and love for field geology are paramount in the minds and hearts of all that knew him.

The Geology Department and geology alumni are establishing the “Longshore Field Geology Endowment” to honor John’s dedication to fieldwork and undergraduate geology education at HSU. The fund will support field and capstone experiences for students within the Geology programs at HSU.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Longshore Field Geology Endowment at Humboldt State University, Gift Processing Center, 1 Harpst Street, Arcata, CA 95521-8299 with checks made payable to Humboldt State University Advancement Foundation.