



Professor Emeritus **Richard E. du Bois**, 85, died on August 6 after a long illness. He joined the Music & Dance Department faculty in 1964 and was Director of the University Chorale from 1965-1998. Known affectionately to generations of students as "Dr. d," Dick led the Chorale on fifteen international concert tours, beginning with the European tour in 1970. During his tenure at UMass he served as Director of Music Education, taught music theory, composition and choral conducting, and composed some one hundred choral compositions.

Professor du Bois was active as a choral clinician for schools, conferences and choral festivals, and was a past president of the Massachusetts Music Educators Association. He held a bachelor's degree in music from Heidelberg College, a master's in voice from the American Conservatory of Music and a Ph.D. in music composition from the University of Iowa.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps during World War II and served as a radio operator and tail gunner. He completed 35 air missions before bailing out over France and landing safely in a tree. He often said that from that day forward he found each and every day a gift to be cherished. His life was full of adventure, music, laughter, and travel. He loved nature, children, and pulling elaborate pranks, and he was beloved by his family and friends.

Contributions in Dick's memory may be made to the Department of Music and Dance. To send a check, please write Chorale Fund on the memo line, make the check out to UMass Amherst and send it to UMass Amherst, Development Office, Memorial Hall, 134 Hicks Way, Amherst, MA 01003. For credit card gifts, please use the secure **UMass Online Gift form** (for Gift Allocation, click on "Other, enter below" and type in Chorale Fund) or contact Marilyn Kushick at (413) 545-0018, mkushick@music.umass.edu.