



Percival Hugh Powell

September 4, 1912 - December 31, 2009

Percival Hugh Powell, of Bloomington, died December 31, 2009. He was born on September 4, 1912, in Cardiff, Wales. After his undergraduate education at University College Cardiff, he was a schoolteacher in Towyn, Wales before taking up postgraduate study at the University of Rostock, Germany, where he was awarded his PhD in 1938. He taught at the University of Bonn until 1939, returning to Great Britain and joining the British Army after the outbreak of World War II. He retired from the British Army Intelligence Corps after the end of the war with the rank of Captain.

Returning to civilian life, he joined the faculty of Leicester College, England, in 1946, and was made Professor of German at the newly created University of Leicester in 1958, where he served as Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Arts until 1969. He was awarded the Doctorate of Letters by the University of Wales in 1963.

He first came to the United States as a visiting scholar at Macalester College in 1966, and returned to settle permanently in 1970 when he was appointed Professor of Germanic Languages at Indiana University. He retired from IU and remained in Bloomington for the rest of his life, keeping active with his family, writing several books, and cultivating warm friendships and rosebushes.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary (Wilson) of Bloomington, his son Nicholas, of Yorkshire, England, two brothers and one sister. He is survived by two sons, Dominic, of Bloomington, and Anton, of Swansea, Wales, one

adopted daughter, and six grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

By his and his family's preference, services will be private, but an occasion for remembrance will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, his family suggests a donation to Doctors Without Borders, whose work he supported and admired.