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## Memorial Service for Professor Emeritus John Morby

Dr. John Edwin Morby, 71, Professor Emeritus of History, died of natural causes at his home in Hayward on September 3, 2010. He began his service at the University in 1969, retired in 1998 and participated in the Faculty Early Retirement Program until 2003. The following is an excerpt from his obituary.

“Dr. Morby was born on March 19, 1939 to Dr. Edwin Morby and Elizabeth Priestley Morby in Berkeley, California. He graduated from Berkeley High School in 1957, received an A.B. in history from the University of California, Berkeley in 1960, an M.A. in history from Harvard in 1961, and a Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Berkeley in 1971.

Dr. Morby was preceded in death by his son Christopher Seth Morby, who passed away in March, 2010.

Dr. Morby taught history at the University of Texas, and then at California State University, Hayward. His areas of expertise extended from Egyptology to French Baroque music, and he was an avid collector of classical music recordings. Dr. Morby was the author of *Dynasties of the World: A Chronological and Genealogical Handbook*, published by Oxford University Press. During his lifetime, Dr. Morby protested against the Vietnam War, actively opposed the death penalty, wrote countless letters on behalf of political prisoners, and donated consistently to animal rights organizations. A world traveler and student of many languages, Dr. Morby continued taking language courses until the final weeks of his life.

John will be remembered by his many students, friends, and colleagues.

A memorial service to honor Dr. Morby's memory and to celebrate the lives he touched will be held on Sunday, October 10, 2010 in the Exhibition Hall of the Castro Valley Center for the Arts at 2:00 p.m.”

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