Howard C. Horsford, 80

Howard C. Horsford, Ph.D., 80, of Coralville, died Aug. 2 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. His body was donated to the University of Iowa Hospitals, with burial occurring later at Montezuma.

Howard was born Nov. 26, 1921, at Montezuma, to Forrest E. and Clara M. Horsford. He graduated from Montezuma Consolidated High School. He served in the United States Signal Corps as a First Lieutenant in the South Pacific during World War II.

Howard graduated from Ripon College, magna cum laude. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Princeton University. He taught at Ripon College, Bryn Mawr College, Bread Loaf School of English and Princeton. He was Professor Emeritus of English at Rochester University, Rochester, New York. He studied and conducted research in Rome, Italy, for a year.

Howard was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Kappa Delta and Phi Alpha Honor Society.

His principal areas of academic interest were 19th Century American literature, intellectual and social history. He was the author of many articles on Melville, Hawthorne, Irving, Stephen Crane, Caroline Gordon, Faulkner and was editor of Melville's Journal of a Visit to Europe and the Levant, vol. 14, and The Writings of Herman Melville: Journals. Howard was a consultant on nineteenth- and twentieth-century American literature.

His sister, Genevieve Thompson of Coralville survives him.