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H. Eugene Lehman

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H. Eugene Lehman is the former chairman of the department of zoology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A recipient of the University's Tanner Award for teaching excellence, Lehman was a much beloved professor at the University for forty-one years. Dr. Lehman's late wife Lillian also was much loved at the University, first as a teacher and then as an administrator. Of his late wife, Lehman says, "Lillian was a remarkable woman. She began at Chapel Hill as an Assistant Professor of Zoology, and was a favorite among the students. She rose through the academic ranks to become the Director of Institutional Research—a position in the Chancellor's Cabinet. She was the highest ranked woman in the University at the time of her retirement forced by the onset of Alzheimer's disease. I was far better known in University circles, as 'Lillian Lehman's husband', than for all my activities over decades at the University."

Both Dr. Lehman and his late wife, Lillian, have a profound respect for books and value the University of North Carolina Press. "University professors have a responsibility for creating knowledge as well as sharing knowledge. I feel that the Press is an arm of the University that makes permanent the contributions that a professor makes in his lifetime," Lehman said.

Following Lillian's death in 1988, Dr. Lehman established the H. Eugene and Lillian Lehman Fund with an outright gift. The Lehman endowment fund supports the publication of meritorious scholarly works in any field of study, with a preference for UNC-CH professors. Dr. Lehman has been adding to the named fund with annual cash contributions, and has created language in his will to grow the Lehman Fund through a bequest.

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