

## Mark J. Van Aken, Professor Emeritus of the Department of History, Passed Away December 9, 2016.

Mark J. Van Aken, Professor Emeritus of the Department of History, passed away December 9, 2016. He was a member of the faculty from 1960 to 1963, then again from 1966 until his retirement in 1986. He entered the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) and taught until 1993. For the 1970-1971 academic year he served as Acting Dean of the School of Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences (now College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences).

The following has been provided by the Van Aken family:

Mark Jay Van Aken, professor emeritus of the Department of History, passed away peacefully on December 9, 2016. He is survived by his wife Dolores, son Philip and grandchildren Leslie, Kelly and Mark.

Mark was born April 9, 1922 in Elkhart, Indiana and grew up in Coldwater, Michigan. Mark did his undergraduate work at the University of Michigan, spent that work they lived in Madrid, Sp

Mark published three books: *Pan-Hispanism, Its Origin and Development to 1866*, was published by U.C. Press in 1959 *King of the Night: Juan José Flores and Ecuador, 1824-1864*, was published by U.C. Press in 1989 *Los Militantes. Unare he taught until 1966 From 1966 to 1966 Mar\taught at Duke U colleagues in the by ca. He returned to the Stat remained until retirement in 1994. Mar\served as, Letters and Social Sciences in 1970-71. His career, as teaching Latin American History.*