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### **Prof. Lloyd Hackl Services Set for Thursday, Dec. 3**

Lloyd C. Hackl, 73, a prominent member of the Lakewood Community College (now Century College) English department from 1970 to 1997, died Nov. 21 at his winter home in Peoria, Arizona. A celebration of life service will be held Thursday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. at the Center City Swedish Lutheran Church, 1 Summit Ave., Center City.

A nationally-known F. Scott Fitzgerald scholar who was regularly asked to speak at Fitzgerald seminars and workshops around the country, Hackl worked to expand the literature courses at Century, served on the Curriculum Council and helped develop the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum. He was the author of “The Wooden Shoe People,” a history of Swedish immigrants in the Center City area.

Hackl advocated for a Writing Center at Lakewood back in the 1970s, and his initiative brought the Writer-in-Residence program to the college. Most notable among the resident writers was Bill Holm, the

well-known Minnesota author. Hackl was also among the first to push for using computers in the college, especially in the English department.

Hackl's family donated the spectacular duck collection that is currently displayed in the new Science/Library Building.

Dr. Daryl Parks, a former student and Outstanding Century Alum who is now a professor at Metropolitan State University, recently wrote on Hackl's Facebook In Remembrance page, "In 1989, you were the first instructor I had as a 25-year-old, mohawk-wearing laborer starting fearfully at Lakewood. You worked extra hours with me. You insisted that I had potential, and I came to believe you. Later? U of M, Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard, and a Ph.D. Without you in my life, I am uncertain what my future would have been. Goodbye, Lloyd... I owe you."

Hackl is survived by his wife, Barbara Paetznick; two daughters, Deborah Heilig and Cynthia Carlson; three granddaughters, three sisters and nieces and nephews.

Memorials are preferred to Best Friends Animal Society or Nature Conservancy. Please share memories at the Facebook group "In Remembrance of Lloyd Hackl."



Photo: Lloyd Hackl and Bill Holm