Remembering those who passed away or notification received during 2012-2013
We remember their contributions to Extension and to those lives they touched.
Blessed be their memory.

Norman H. Adams, Wadena, was 92 when he passed away on March 7 (2009). He worked in Extension agriculture for 10 years and retired in 1985. Norman also served as an adult leader of the Oakdale 4-H Club and participated in many county and state fairs.

Mary H. Bandow, 73, a graduate and longtime employee of the University, passed away on August 17 (2013), Roseville. Her University career included working in the College of Liberal Arts dean’s office and as an Extension Human Resource specialist until she retired in 2000. She was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening.

Richard D. Herman, Duluth, passed away October 18 (2012) at age 86. He was an agricultural Extension county agent and director, first in Mora and then for South St. Louis County until he retired in 1983. Richard was a graduate of the University of Minnesota receiving his bachelor’s and master’s degree in science.

Charlotte W. Huckstead, 93, South St. Paul, died March 12 (2013). She was an Olmsted County Extension Home Economist in the 1970s and later was active in many volunteer positions from Dakota County Historical Museum to Ginnie Adams Watercolor group.
J. William (Bill) Mudge, a Dairy Extension Specialist from 1960-1986, died on April 24 (2013), age 92. Bill received his degrees from Kansas State University, with his Ph.D. in dairy cattle genetics and management. Bill’s Extension responsibilities included development and education of dairy herds, making significant contributions to computerizing record forms and data for dairy producers to use in herd management. He was a great friend of the dairy industry.

Nancy J. Nelson, the first full-time community resource Extension agent in Minnesota, passed away on April 8 (2013), age 58. She began her Extension career in 1992 in Moorhead where she worked with the local businesses until she retired in 2002.

James L. Rabehl, Baxter, died June 4 (2013). After graduating from U of MN with a B.S. in agricultural education, he became the Crow Wing County assistant agricultural agent. He spent five years as Scott County extension director and returned to Brainerd as a county Extension director until retiring in 1992. He also served for a number of years as a Crow Wing County Extension Committee member.

J. David Radford passed away on February 27 (2013) at age 82. He received both a Bachelor of Science and Master’s Degree from the University. He began his Extension career in Carleton County as an Extension resource development agent. His areas of expertise included dairy and small farms and his long successful career continued for over 50 years.

Lawrence R. Simonson, known by many as a pioneer in bringing the tourism industry to the forefront of Minnesota, died November 25 (2012) in Brainerd at age 87. He was a founding father of the Tourism Center at the University of Minnesota. Larry worked with many resorts and tourism industries doing workshops and resource development. He was the first recipient of the Outstanding Individual of Tourism Award and honored by the governor in 1987.

Gerald J. Sullivan, age 88 of Grand Rapids died June 6 (2013). He received both undergraduate and graduate degrees in natural resources from the University. He was employed by U.S. Forest Service for 18 years and with Extension for 13 years. He retired in 1980 as Professor Emeritus at the University’s Research and Outreach Station in Grand Rapids.
**Harold B. Swanson** passed away February 6 (2011) at age 93. After completing his B.A. in journalism, M.S. in agricultural economics and Ph.D. in extension administration, he joined the University in 1939 as a bulletin editor. He later served as a news writer, department head of agricultural journalism, and communications program director for agricultural Extension, a position he held for 26 years until he retired in 1984.

**Richard C. Walter**, age 81, died January 15 (2013) in Red Wing. Richard graduated from the University in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science. He worked for Extension in Goodhue County till he retired in 2004. After retirement he remained very involved in community activities.

**Charles E. Williams** served in several roles for Extension. In 1981 he became the 4-H District Program Leader for Minnesota Extension followed by staff development coordinator, minority recruiting officer, Extension specialist and Extension’s equal opportunity officer. Charles passed away in Minneapolis on September 9 (2012) at age 71.