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Sadly, this bibliography is already out of print, but may be found in many reference collections. The Vesterheim Genealogical Center, 425 West Main Street, Madison, WI 53703 had the foresight to purchase several copies of this bibliography. These remaining copies may still be purchased from Vesterheim Genealogical Center for \$25.00 plus shipping costs.

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This journal and its staff announce with deep regret the death of Rolf H. Erickson 18 Nov. 1992. Mr. Erickson was an early subscriber of *SAG*, contributed to it on many occasions and served as an articulate adviser, constructive critic and on many occasions as the well-spring of inspiration when the Editor sought him out for a solution of some knotty problem.

Rolf Erickson was a consummate historian, avid genealogist and a true Scandinavianist in the old 19th Century connotation of that term. Though born of Norwegian-American parents, he was equally at home with Americans of Danish, Finnish, Icelandic and Swedish extraction. For him there existed no borders between the Scandinavians, illustrated for instance by the fact that he served on the Board of Directors of the Swedish-American Historical Society of Chicago and was one of its most aggressive members, always looking for ways and means to expand the horizons of the society. His deep knowledge of the Scandinavian-American community in Chicago is evidenced by his two-part portrayal, "The Chicago Exhibition of Scandinavian-American Artists in 1929" in *SAG*, March, 1989, pp. 60-77 and June, pp. 129-148. His legendary knowledge of the Scandinavians in Chicago was also of inestimable value when he and the Editor published a directory of "Scandinavian-American Physicians in Chicago 1887-1912" published in *SAG*, March, 1986, pp. 1-12.

Rolf was the genial chief of the Circulation Department of Northwestern University Library in Evanston, IL, where he served with distinction for more than 22 years. In this position he came in contact with thousands of students as well as faculty members, who will always remember his gracious smile, his rollicking laughter and his energy which knew no bounds when it came to ferreting out hard-to-locate materials. *Ave atque vale.*