Sam Eddy grew up in St. Louis. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946, and went on to earn a BA at Washington University in St. Louis and a PhD in Ancient History at the University of Michigan. He taught at the University of Nebraska and the University of California before joining the Department of History at Syracuse University in 1966. He retired in 1999. Sam’s historical interests and knowledge were wide ranging and deep. His book, *The King Is Dead*, analyzes the roots of resistance by Persians, Egyptians, Jews, and other peoples to the rule of Alexander the Great. At Syracuse Sam taught sweeping surveys of Greek and Roman History and a specialized course on the origins of World War I. He also knew in detail the military history of World War II and wrote on that subject. Sam’s courses were renowned for his lectures. They were animated, lucid, included just the right amount of detail, often on fascinating personalities, and were punctuated with irreverent humor. One student’s course evaluation said, “Professor Eddy is a combination of Albert Einstein and Jack Benny.” Sam was a lover of classical music, a gourmet cook, and a wonderful conversationalist.