Ary J. Lamme, Past President of the Florida Society of Geographers (1998), and Emeritus Professor at the University of Florida, passed away in September 2016 at the age of 76. Known to his many friends and colleagues as “Dutch”, he was a cultural and historical geographer with a wide variety of topical and regional interests.

He joined the faculty of the Department of Geography at the University of Florida in 1974 after receiving his PhD in geography from Syracuse University. He shared his enthusiasm for and expertise of cultural and historic landscapes and regions with countless students, and was the graduate advisor to dozens of members of the FSG past and present. His formal service to the department and discipline included five years as undergraduate coordinator (1991-96) in which the number of geography majors more than doubled from 37 to over 90. He also served as faculty advisor to the Department’s Gamma Theta Upsilon Chapter (1995-98) and editor of the Department newsletter “The Sinkhole” (1999-2001).

His book, America’s Historic Landscapes was published in 1990. He also published manuscripts in the Professional Geographer, Journal of Geography, Journal of Historical Geography, Southeastern Geographer, Geographical Review, and had two publications in the FSG’s Florida Geographer. In addition, he had many articles in the Christian Science Monitor and his hometown newspaper, the Gainesville Sun.
His love for geography, the environment, and the natural and built landscape was also evidenced in his community service activities. In 1999, he was named “Person of the Year” by the Gainesville Sun for leading and coordinating grassroots efforts to save Lake Alice and the bathouse on the University of Florida campus.

He leaves behind his wife, Sandra, and two adult children, Laurel and Ary Johannes IV. Dutch will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all of his friends, colleagues, and students in Florida!