

# **WILLIAM J. GREGG**

**ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**

**Dr. Gregg was and is the best professor that I have ever had, or ever will have.** – Jason Kneibel

**A new scholarship honors the memory of Professor William J. Gregg, who lost his life in an accidental fall down the Quincy Mine Hoist No. 2 Shaft on December 6, 2008. His legacy lives on in our hearts and memories.**

**The scholarship awards \$1,000 or 10 percent of in-state tuition, whichever is greater. It is limited to juniors or seniors majoring in a program within the Department of Geological & Mining Engineering and Sciences at Michigan Tech. Applicants must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 and possess a love for geology.**

**Seth and Shannon (Bair) Lemke '00 provided an initial gift for the William J. Gregg Annual Scholarship. The Lemkes are challenging Dr. Gregg's friends and former students to contribute, in hopes of establishing an endowed scholarship.**

**Bill used to repeatedly argue that the published word was the only way to leave a lasting legacy. We all know that he has fulfilled that task; all we need to do is read these testimonials to know that he has left more than that. He will live on in our hearts and memories, through our good work and teaching, and through our constant use of the skills and life lessons he has taught.** - Dan Van Roosendaal

I have known Bill for almost all of his thirty years at Michigan Tech. He never changed; the energy he exhibited in his first years at the University was a continuum throughout his career. He always had that twinkle in his eye, like he knew something we didn't. Which, of course, was true. – [Steve Chittick](#)

Bill Gregg was the best teacher that I have ever had. – [Katie Gray](#)

Every cup of coffee led to many more questions, new possibilities to consider—and a laugh or at the very least, a good belly-felt grin. – [Len Mankowski](#)

I'll never forget his smile and laugh, his enthusiasm, his caring, and his ability to inspire. – [Erin Meyers](#)

I tried to take every undergrad and grad course that he taught and I wasn't alone. If he had taught a course on the stress and strain of stinky cheese, the lecture hall would have been filled. – [Tom Gaitley](#)

The first memory that comes to mind of Dr. Gregg is his little yellow bug spinning up the hill leading to the mine in the middle of winter. He had these big chains strapped to the tires to provide traction, but we all still got quite a laugh at the sight of spinning tires and flying snow as the little yellow bug crept up the steep slope. – [Vicky Loveland](#)

He always treated his students with dignity and respect. As a young student it was very impressive to have such a great teacher treat us as adults who would become professionals some day. – [John Doucette](#)

Bill was one of my favorite professors throughout my years at Tech. He was the type of teacher who you just knew really cared about his students...he was the most approachable teacher I've ever had. – [Laura Drahn](#)

Dr. Gregg had that unique gift of captivating his audience and explaining complicated subjects such as structural geology, in terms that anyone could understand. Not to mention he was a really nice guy! Dr. Gregg is irreplaceable. – [John Ravenna](#)

His takes on things, from small local events to global ones, were worth listening to and digesting because of their often unusual or unexpected point of view. – [James Vallance](#)

Bill took the time to make sure that every single person understood what he was teaching, even if it meant explaining it fourteen different ways. And the students always came first. – [Kirstin Burns](#)

# TO PROFESSOR BILL GREGG

Few people have the same passion for teaching. – [Sherri Newland](#)

He always taught with a smile. Besides the fact that he was a great artist on the chalkboard, he also lectured in a style that students like myself could understand and grasp. – [Caroline Levenda](#)

I took every class he offered, jumping at the opportunity to learn from him. He was always willing to spend extra time to help anyone with anything or just to joke around. – [Hans Bruning](#)

Dr. Gregg to me was an individual that cared for his students more than anything else. I will never forget his attention to detail (I still can't draw folds on the board the way he could) while cracking a subtle joke that only half the class would understand. – [Craig Johnson](#)

Bill never strayed from the ideal that a professor's chief allegiance should be to students. His door was always open to any student that needed the benefit of sage wisdom imbedded in his passion for science. – [Bill Houston](#)

Thank you for all that you have taught me Dr. Gregg! You were a great mentor and I appreciate the guidance that you gave during my years at Michigan Tech. You've had a great impact on me and I'll never forget you. – [Katie Schon](#)

**I remember working with Bill one summer as his TA for Physical Geology. Seeing the way he taught and the way he cared for his students was an inspiration that has helped me in my own career as a professor. I will always remember Bill as a good friend, an excellent geologist, a great professor, and the best of men.**

- [Nathalie N. Brandes](#)

Dr. Gregg was a wonderful professor. He was always willing to help his students and ensure their understanding, many times with a good story, too. He had a way of making sure everyone understood the information given, no matter how confusing or difficult. He genuinely cared about all of his students, to the point of catching up on everything with them in the hallway, no matter how long ago he had taught them.

– [Jason R. Evans](#)

I will never forget his smiling face, positive attitude, and a good sense of goofiness. Thanks Bill, for all you have done. – [Mark DeHoog](#)

He was always thinking about his students and how to help them. I will always remember his graciousness, love of the mines, laugh, and humor. – [Angela Hammond](#)

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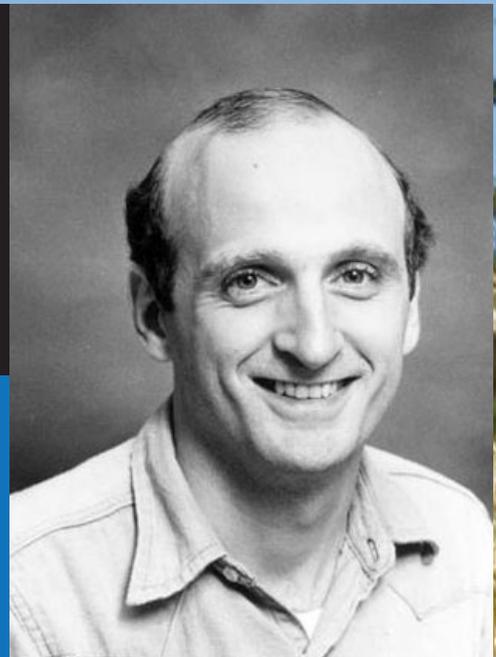
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**Bill was first and foremost a  
good guy. He loved geology,  
and he loved teaching geology.  
– Seth Lemke**