



**Antonio "Chick" Scarpelli**  
Former Clark College business instructor, division chairman

# Longtime Clark College instructor Scarpelli dies

He taught thousands of students business and economics

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Antonio "Chick" Scarpelli, longtime Clark College business instructor and division chairman for whom the school's Scarpelli Hall

was named, has died.

He was 86.

Scarpelli died Dec. 5 following a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis.

Survived by his wife of 58 years, Arlene, he worked at Clark for 38 years before he retired in 1986, the last 25 years as business chairman.

By then, Scarpelli had taught about 11,000 students in some 375 business administration and eco-

nomics classes, a *Columbian* story noted.

## Chance career

It was almost an accidental career. He took a Clark business teaching job in 1948 while looking into employment at the Jantzen Co. swimwear outfit.

A college official told Scarpelli to "go ahead and teach for nine

months, and if you don't like it, you can leave it," he told *The Columbian*. "Well, I did. And I guess it got into my blood," he said.

Current Clark President Bob Knight said Chick and Arlene continued to attend many college events in recent years, to lend their support.

He said Scarpelli kept in touch

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by e-mail, too, even while spending winter months in Southern California.

"He really did care about Clark College," Knight said. "He was just revered as a class act. Just a wonderful guy, a positive outlook on things, always."

Until 2007, Scarpelli served on the board of directors of the Clark College Foundation.

He also had been active in Vancouver's St. Joseph Catholic

Parish ever since its inception.

Born in Portland, Scarpelli graduated from Jefferson High School there. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, then earned an MBA at the University of Washington and a doctorate in education at the University of Portland.

A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Funeral Chapel in Vancouver. The casket will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today.

Recitation of the rosary will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S. Andresen Road. A Requiem Mass will follow at 11 a.m.