



## **In Memoriam: Gerhard Rempel, 1934-2014**

Gerhard was born in Osterwick, Khortitsa in Soviet Ukraine and immigrated to Hillsboro, Kansas in 1949. Awarded a Ph.D. in German History from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he taught history at Western New England University in Springfield, Massachusetts before retiring to Florida in 1999. He had long intended to research the relationship between Mennonites in the Soviet Union and the Nazi regime but had lost touch with Mennonites. Initially through contact with us, he became active in Mennonite studies, mainly through email and a sharing of documents. In 2003 we met at the annual Winnipeg symposium. Gerhard's doctoral research on the Hitler Jugend and the SS (published in 1989) gave him considerable experience of sources on Nazi Germany. He established good working relationships with the archivists in a number of Mennonite centres. In 2010 he published an important article on Mennonites and the Holocaust in the *Mennonite Quarterly Review* and later a paper on the Nazi sympathizer Heinrich Schroeder in *JMS*. A number of other studies remain unpublished, most notably a book-length manuscript on Mennonites and the Nazi regime in Ukraine, and translations of key works from the period. It is hoped that some of these will be published.

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