



Lyman Hodgman, III

January 7, 1940 - July 26, 2017

Lyman A. Hodgman, III, 77, passed away at his home in Milledgeville on July 26, 2017. He was predeceased by his parents Lyman A. (Jr.) and Lillian Kuehl Hodgman of Connecticut. He is survived by his daughter Marie Hodgman-Schoeneberg (Jason Schoeneberg) and their children Tucker and Liberty of Decatur; his son Marshall Hodgman and his son Morrison of Milledgeville; his brother Roger Hodgman of Maine; and nephews Matthew Hodgman of Connecticut and Alexander Hodgman of South Carolina. The family will hold a private memorial at a later date.

Mr. Hodgman was born in Norwalk and reared in Naugatuck, Connecticut, where he attended public schools and enjoyed participating in YMCA activities, especially swimming. After graduating with a degree in Humanities from Alderson-Broaddus College in West Virginia, he remained in the state to pursue a master's degree in English literature at WVU/Morgantown. He then took a "temporary" teaching position at Georgia Military College; he never left Milledgeville. He married Donna Sanders and they made their home in the city, both teaching in various schools over the years. He continued his professional education at Georgia College where he formed several long-lasting friendships among the faculty and held forth in untold numbers of hours-long discussions on the finer points of Shakespeare and Milton, among other literary giants.

When Mr. Hodgman transitioned from GMC to teach first at Central State, then at Gordon-Ivey Independent School, he always impressed his students with his love of English grammar and literature, particularly Shakespeare's work. Though he moved on, he continued to be known to many throughout the city - even people he never taught at GMC - as "The Little Major," a nickname he seemed to relish long after losing this honorary rank. His last stint in the classroom was at John Milledge Academy where he substituted for an extended period. At the conclusion of this position, he realized his progressive hearing loss was a barrier which would preclude his continuation in the field. He forever after missed teaching.

Although he could no longer teach, Mr. Hodgman continued to read voraciously, and to carry on with the long discussions he so enjoyed. He read many of the books on his favorite subjects (history and literature) available at Mary Vinson Public Library and happily discovered interlibrary loan, so he could keep on reading as long as his eyesight permitted. In light of this passion for reading, the family asks that those who wish to honor Mr. Hodgman's memory make a donation to the Twin Lakes Library System - and then go sit down with a good book!

Tribute Wall

CF

“ *May the God of all comfort give you strength, hope, and peace in this sad time. He cares very deeply about the pain you feel and the loss you just experienced. Philippians 4:6,7. So sorry for your loss.*

Calandra F. - August 02, 2017 at 07:10 AM

JB

“ *To the family: I'm very sorry for your loss. Like many others, Mr. Hodgman was my teacher. It was the mid 1970's at Gordon-Ivey school where he taught me. During the early 1980's I ran into him in downtown Milledgeville and we reminisced a little. I believe he remembered his students as well as we seem to remember him. RIP Mr. Hodgman*



Jill Blackwell - August 01, 2017 at 07:53 AM

RD

“ *I was one of Lyman's students at GMC - it must have been in 1964 or '65. His enthusiasm for literature was infectious and soon I found myself reading and understanding literature I would have not considered earlier. He certainly affected my life and no doubt those of many others. I hope his passing was easy. Please accept my sincere condolences.*

Randall Davis

Randall Davis - July 31, 2017 at 06:44 AM

MH

“ Marie and Marshall,
I, like many others, was honored to be in your father's English class at GMC back in the early 70's. "All that glitters is not gold." He was an inspiration to all that entered his classroom and that inspiration still lives within us all.
I am so very sorry to hear of his passing.
With love and sympathy,
Merel Harrison

Merel Harrison - July 29, 2017 at 11:37 AM

WE

“ Marshall, I am sorry to hear of your Daddy's passing. Bless you.



Wendy - July 29, 2017 at 10:34 AM

AT

“ Marshall, I love you! I can remember so many conversations we had about growing up and of course the times spent growing up together. Fortunately, we have lived together many times and our bond matured through adulthood. I will never forget living with Lyman on Pine Valley. The flood of memories that rushed in after we talked this morning was very uplifting. We talked about that dang Camaro, Weezie, if my memory serves me right you drove it too. They may not have been cool to us, but your dad drove some uniquely cool cars! Anyway, I have known you guys for as long as I can remember, but I am glad I got to know your dad better when we lived on Pine Valley. I learned a lot about you from him in that short time. Little things and intricacies that are amusing and endearing to me now. I am sorry for your loss! I wish I was there to give you a big dang hug! Love you from the Tanners in NC!

Andrew Tanner - July 28, 2017 at 11:04 PM

DR

“ Marshall and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Mr. Hodgman was the best English teacher I ever had at Gordon Ivey Indp School. He was a very intelligent man and made learning English so much fun! He will never be forgotten!



Debra Roberts - July 28, 2017 at 12:39 PM

JG

“ *What to say, I had the honor of being his student several times while at GMC (69,70). He brought Shakespeare to life for this country girl. For our reading of the Merchant of Venice Major Hodgman chose me to read the part of Portia and this quote has stuck with me for these 40 odd years; "The quality of mercy is not strain'd, It droppeth like the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that takes:" I know I was "twice blessed" knowing him and then later you as my first "adopted" son. Love you Marshall, please express my condolences to your mom and Marie. Jana.*

Jana Gilliland - July 28, 2017 at 11:31 AM

CH

“ *Marie and Marshall, your father was one in a million. I always enjoyed seeing him at your various family events with a big smile-- he was so happy to be around his children and grandchildren. I'll always think of him when baking a pineapple upside-down cake. With my deepest condolences and most generous love--Carolyn Harvey*

Carolyn Harvey - July 28, 2017 at 08:01 AM

MH

Thank you so much for the kind words, Ms. Harvey.

Marshall Hodgman - July 28, 2017 at 08:43 AM

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Jana Gilliland - July 28, 2017 at 09:52 AM

GA

“ So sorry for your lost. like everybody else Mr. Hodgman was my English teacher as well. he was a good man.

Greg Adams - July 28, 2017 at 06:05 AM

WS

“ Marshall, incredibly sorry to hear of your father's passing. My thoughts are with you and your family, if there's Anything I can do please don't hesitate to let me know. Love you, brother.

William Stoner - July 27, 2017 at 11:50 PM

AM

“ Marshall and Marie, condolences to you and your family on the loss of your father.



Anne McGowan - July 27, 2017 at 08:11 PM

RN

“ Years ago at the Twilite Restaurant Lyman spent many a night, like has been said before, in hour long discussions with my father Lamar Newton. I remember how much he loved my family and we loved him and Donna like family. Love is something you never forget.



Randy Newton - July 27, 2017 at 05:42 PM

PL

“ Mr. Hodgman taught me high school English at Gordon-Ivey. He had a good sense of humor despite being surrounded by teenagers :) He encouraged me to continue my hobby of painting. I'm so sorry for his family's loss.

Pat Getz Lowe - July 27, 2017 at 04:17 PM

DM

“ Mr. Hodgman taught me in high school at Gordon Ivey, and was one of my favorite teachers. I loved English class and grammar, but detested English Lit! I had to have it to graduate, and I struggled with that year end report! Thanks to a good friend helping me compose that report (complete with footnotes!), and the fact that I am convinced Mr. Hodgman pencil whipped my final grade, I was able to graduate on time! Even today, 41 years later, I can still see and hear him enter the room and say, "Test today, Group!" RIP Mr. Hodgman. You were one of the best, and left an impression on this student.

Dell McCann - July 27, 2017 at 04:03 PM

BS

*I am so sorry to hear about the passing of as we called him at GMC Major Hodgkin. I was in the first class of girls in 69 and he was my English teacher. He left quite an impression on our lives. He was a great teacher.
RIP!*

Bonnie Schubert - July 29, 2017 at 02:45 AM

SH

“*Marie and Marshall, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. Your family will be in our prayers.*”

Scott & Kristen Hamm - July 27, 2017 at 02:51 PM