



Dr Roger Noel

November 22, 1942 - July 18, 2019

ROGER ARTHUR NOEL PHD

NOVEMBER 22, 1942-JULY 18, 2019

Dr. Roger Arthur Noel passed away July 18, 2019 from complications from Parkinson's Disease and myasthenia gravis.

He was born in Wanne Belgium the youngest of four children. He was the first child in the family to go to university and he graduated from the University of Liege with a License en Philosophie of Letters, Section germanique in 1965. He came to the United States on a student visa in 1965 and received his Master Degree in French Literature from the University of Missouri in Columbia Missouri. In 1984 he received his PhD in French Literature from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

He had a distinguished teaching career teaching at the University of Missouri St. Louis, Monmouth College in Monmouth Illinois, and Georgia College. He came to Georgia College in 1992 as Chair of what is now the department of World Languages and Culture. He received much recognition including a teaching award from Georgia College. He had many publications and editorships for several publications. He was also knighted by the French Government receiving the Palmes Academiques. This decoration is second to the Legion of Honor and is awarded to professors who have furthered the relationship between France and the United States. Roger retired in 2010 with emeritus status.

Dr. Noel was active in the Milledgeville Community. He was active in Rotary Club. He was Secretary for five years and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He participated in the Milledgeville Bicentennial celebration providing translation and interpretation services for the dignitaries who came to Milledgeville for the celebration. He was also active with the International Services at Georgia College serving briefly as Associated Vice-president over the program. He hosted international visitors who came to Milledgeville for the Flannery O' Connor Conferences at Georgia College. He developed a language bank to serve visitors to Milledgeville during the 1996 Olympics.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Cookie Noel, daughters Dr. Nadine Latham (John) of Macon, Georgia and Anouk Hoecker (Mark) and grandson Henry Roger Hoecker of Tremont, Illinois. He is also survived by a niece and nephews of Belgium.

There will be a celebration in Dr. Noel's Memory at Georgia College in the early fall. The date is to be determined. The family requests that donations in Dr. Noel's memory be made to the Georgia College Foundation Endowed World Languages and Cultures Fund or to Tallulah Falls School Roger Noel Scholarship Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Noel's passing. He was a kind, empathetic, patient and helpful teacher. I majored in french and he was my advisor back in 2000-2004. He was also a host Dad to a close friend of mine from Norway who was here on the rotary scholarship. His contributions to GCSU, Milledgeville and people in general are a testament to the type of man he was. My condolences to his family and friends. I will forever be grateful for what I learned as his student.

Kristen De Win - November 27, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Noel's passing. I was never a student in his class, but he was the chair of the foreign language department at Georgia College. I was short one Spanish class for a minor in Spanish. He helped me greatly by arranging an independent study through UGA so that I could get my minor. I was terrified to meet him because he was a DEPARTMENT CHAIR. He immediately put me at ease, was kind and generous in his efforts to help a non-traditional first-generation college student. I appreciated his kindness then and continue to appreciate it today, over 25 years later.

Judy Parks - September 24, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ *I'm so sad to hear of Dr Noël's passing. He was such a wonderful, encouraging professor. I enjoyed my time as his student at GCSU and will always remember his quiet demeanor and gentle chuckle when my southern accent would overwhelm my our conversations in French. Without his guidance, I am certain my love for the language would not have lasted. May God be with you and your family during this time.*

~Crystal Stanley Shull

BA French, 2001

Christy Shull - July 29, 2019 at 09:41 PM

RB

“ Cookie, I’m so sorry for your loss and my deepest condolences to you now and in the days ahead. While you and I never met, I did know your husband as he was my professor at GCSU and you had met both my parents through your practice.

About a week ago, Dr. Noel had entered my mind and little did I know it was around the day he passed. I had him for three semesters of French at GCSU; Dr. Roger Noel was a fantastic Professor. I wouldn’t have graduated from college without his guidance, since I was made to take French after the Japanese language program was dropped. His patience in my complete lack of understanding of the French language will always stick with me as I struggled through his classes. He was truly a great soul and the kind of teacher we can all hope to have in our lives, the kind that would always help his student despite how hopeless our cause may be. Again, I always felt in his debt and I don’t know if I ever thanked him enough. I’d like to think he would have found the humor in the fact that while I’ve worked on my Japanese a bunch in the intervening years, French still completely alludes me - despite all his best efforts! :)

I’m also writing on behalf of my mother, Nina-Marie Barr: she sends her love and prayers to you. I will keep both you and Roger in my prayers, Cookie, and know that I’m just one of countless students your husband made a huge impact on during his years at GCSU.

-Ryan James Barr

Ryan James Barr - July 23, 2019 at 11:44 PM

ND

“ *Nicole Durant lit a candle in memory of Dr Roger Noel*



Nicole Durant - July 23, 2019 at 12:02 PM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Luther & Berta and Friends At Johnnie McDade Grocery*



Luther Minor - July 23, 2019 at 07:06 AM

CH

“ *Carmen Hines lit a candle in memory of Dr Roger Noel*



Carmen Hines - July 23, 2019 at 12:37 AM

WF

“ *Cookie, I will be praying for you and your entire family during this time.*

Wanda Fitzgerald - July 22, 2019 at 08:21 PM

KS

“ *Kim Ireland Smith lit a candle in memory of Dr Roger Noel*



Kim Ireland Smith - July 22, 2019 at 01:48 PM

CM

“ *I am so very sorry for your Anouk. Prayers for you and your family.*
Caryl Moehring



Caryl Moehring - July 22, 2019 at 10:51 AM

LW

“ *Linda Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Dr Roger Noel*



Linda Wheeler - July 22, 2019 at 10:44 AM

LW

So sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Linda Wheeler - July 22, 2019 at 10:46 AM

MH

“ *Merel Harrison lit a candle in memory of Dr Roger Noel*



Merel Harrison - July 22, 2019 at 09:18 AM

KB

“ *Ms. Cookie and family sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Thinking about you.*

Karen & Kenny Babb - July 22, 2019 at 08:07 AM

DS

“ *Cookie, you continue to be in my prayers and thoughts. You were so blessed with a loving husband, companion, and friend. I know you will miss him dearly but you have so many wonderful memories and he will always live in your heart. Love you, Debbie*



Debbie Sanders - July 21, 2019 at 02:55 PM