



Dr. Hubert Odell Waldby

July 15, 1918 - July 29, 2014

Hubert Odell Waldby, age 96, passed away on July 29, 2014 at Westminister Oaks in Tallahassee, Florida. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dolores Livesay Waldby, to whom he was married for 48 years. He then married Frances Lowe Waldby, who passed away in 2012 just a few days short of their 17th anniversary.

Dr. Waldby moved to Tallahassee in 1951 to begin his teaching career at Florida State University. He was a professor of public administration and political science at FSU until retiring in 1985, taking two breaks to help establish public administration departments at universities in the Philippines and Taiwan. He served as FSU's Vice President of Administration from 1967 through 1969. After retiring from FSU, he spent several years helping the US Airforce establish public administration programs overseas.

Dr. Waldby was born in Ada, Oklahoma, in 1918, and grew up with two brothers and three sisters during the Great Depression. He worked his way through the University of Oklahoma and was beginning his graduate studies when WWII began. Upon joining the US Navy, he was sent to Harvard Business School and then to the Pacific front, where he was present when Japan surrendered in Tokyo Bay. Following WWII, he completed his doctorate at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Waldby is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Steve Larios of Nashville, Tennessee, his granddaughter and her husband, Sarah Larios and Mark Adams of Sheffield, England, and his sisters, Annice Flippo

and Doris Anderson. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Lynda Gibson, Debbie Gibson, Renee Gibson, and Gordon Gibson, and by his step-granddaughter Lorin Brand. He loved them all, and he will be greatly missed. A private memorial service is planned by the family. Kelly Barber at Bevis Funeral Home (www.bevisfh.com or 850/385-2193) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall

TK

“ Looking up another persons obit I spotted Dr. Waldby. I was in the MPA program at FSU in the late 70's early 80's and he was my advisor. A very fine gentleman and excellent instructor. He always made time for his students and brought the best out of us. A real loss for the University and academic community. RIP.

Tom Knox - January 24, 2023 at 01:57 PM

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“ Dr. Waldby was a great mentor as my Major Professor at FSU. He inspired me to a career in public service both in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C.

Gary Alan Strobel - September 26, 2017 at 06:56 PM

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“ I have fond memories of Dr. Walby's classes and hearing his stories ranging from his testimony at the Oklahoma legislature (re: his doctorate work about property tax assessments in Oklahoma) and his summer trips to North Carolina. He will be missed and fondly remembered by many.

Kathleen Neill - August 04, 2014 at 06:03 AM

EH

“ On behalf of the Florida State University Association of Retired Faculty (ARF) we would like to extend our condolences to the family of Hubert Waldby. We hope the support and loving concern of others will give the strength you need from day to day. Please know he is remembered fondly and will be listed in our Association's Memorial. Sincerely, Tom & Esther Harrison, Memorial Chairs

Esther Harrison - August 03, 2014 at 05:40 PM

DR

“ We have been spending time remembering memories of Odell and the family trips to see him and Dolo at their mountain house outside Ashville, NC. One special get together was around 1979 when four generations of Waldby & Roach family got together including Granddad Waldby, Odell, Ralph R. and baby Sarah R. Odell and Dolo were always generous with their hospitality and to relax in that setting and visit brought many happy memories. Ralph Roach and Doris Jeanne Roach



Doris J Roach - July 31, 2014 at 07:52 PM



“ It was a joy to get to know Dr. Waldby. We enjoyed talking about FSU sports. I enjoyed hearing some of his many fun stories. I am sure he is playing golf in heaven where left handed playing gets the best clubs.

Ruth Ann High

Ruthann High - July 31, 2014 at 11:33 AM