



## Richard E. Ham

July 30, 1931 - January 2, 2017

Richard E. Ham, age 85 of Tallahassee passed away peacefully on January 2, 2017. He is survived by his wife of 63 years Ann Ham and daughter Carol Ann. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister and brothers.

Richard was a professor emeritus at Ohio University and former professor at Florida State University in the field of Communication Disorders.

A service will be held on January 21, 2017 at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church at 11:00am, 212 N. Jefferson St. Albany, Georgia 31708. in lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Linda Ham Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Darton State College Foundation, 2400 Gillionville Rd. Albany, Georgia 31707, ([www.dartonfoundation.org/donate.php](http://www.dartonfoundation.org/donate.php)) and specify Linda Ham.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry to learn of Dr. Ham's passing. I was a stutterer, and I was blessed to work with him in 1955 when he was a graduate student at Purdue University. I was 13 years old. I recently wrote an essay about my going to speech therapy at Purdue. This is one paragraph: "I met with Mr. Ham daily for three weeks. Each session was 30-45 minutes. We pulled a couple of chairs together and talked about stuttering, how it felt. For example, he shared some basic research with me, findings such as stutterers almost always have no problem when they talk with animals. Our conversations helped me comprehend that my stuttering was not my fault and that I was okay even though I stuttered. The time spent with him was formative. Adjectives that come to mind include reassuring, comforting, and enlightening. After those sessions with Mr. Ham, I felt much better—more confident and less embarrassed (humiliated) by my speech challenges."

*I found out that he was at Ohio University and sent him a letter in 1969. He promptly sent me a very gracious letter. It was wonderful to reconnect with him.*

*I am much indebted to Dr. Ham and all that he did for me.*

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**Mike Boyd** - September 25, 2017 at 04:01 PM

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“ I will always have fond memories of Dr. Ham and his family and all that I learned from his teaching and mentoring and everything Mrs. Ham and I tried to imagine for this new technology of the 1960's titled ... videotaping ... without the need to develop the film ...even!

*What a wonderful time to be at Ohio University with good friends, family and professors.*

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**Gary Packwood** - July 27, 2017 at 09:41 PM

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“ *Thinking of you as you mourn the passing of your husband, and dad. Please accept my personal and deepest sympathies on your loss.*

*May you find consolation in the memories of the life that he lived.*

*Olufunke A. Fontenot*

*Associate Provost/VPAA, Albany State University*



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**Olufunke Fontenot** - January 20, 2017 at 07:58 AM

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**Carol Ann** - January 16, 2017 at 08:21 AM

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*A favorite OU professor.*

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**Richard Dean- Ohio University** - February 14, 2023 at 03:04 PM