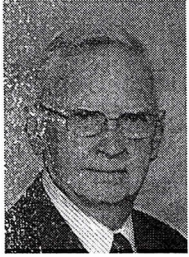


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Lyle Archibald McGeoch (1931 - 2017)



ATHENS - Lyle Archibald McGeoch, 86, of Athens, associate professor emeritus of history at Ohio University, passed away on Dec. 23, 2017 in Athens.

He was a good man, kind and generous, and he will be missed greatly by his family and his many friends.

Lyle was born on March 25, 1931 in Tanta, Egypt, the son of Presbyterian missionaries, Rev. Harold and Elizabeth McGeoch. His family returned to the United States in 1942 as the war in North Africa approached. They then lived in New Concord, Ohio, and he graduated from New Concord High School in 1949.

He attended Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. After graduating in 1953, he served two years in the U.S. Army in New York and France, working on early IBM machines.

He pursued graduate studies in history at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, earning his Ph.D. in 1964. The focus of his work throughout his career was nineteenth-century Europe, and he had particular interest in British diplomacy of that era.

During his time in Philadelphia, Lyle met Florence Marie Parker, the daughter of William E. and Lucille (Waybright) Parker. The two were married in 1958 and shared 59 years of loving marriage. They had three children.

Lyle's first faculty appointments were at Kent State University and the University of Dubuque. In 1966, he accepted a position in the History Department at Ohio University, and he and his family moved to Athens. He made many contributions to the life of his department and of the university, and he served at various times on the faculty senate. He retired in 2001.

Lyle was an active and involved member of the First Presbyterian Church in Athens. Lyle and Florence were avid world travelers, making many visits to Scotland, England, and other parts of Europe. In recent years, he worked tirelessly with the Athens County Food Pantry. He was also a member of the Athens Reading Club and participated in the Ohio University Emeriti, Athens Village, and Heartworks.

He loved spending time with his family, especially his eight grandchildren, who admired his prowess in Monopoly, his jigsaw puzzle skills, and his ability to catch flies with his bare hands.

He was a longtime season ticket holder for football and basketball at Ohio University, greatly enjoying the camaraderie among the fans. His family and friends will remember his humor, his grace, his hospitality, his caring and his calm approach to life.

Lyle enjoyed good health throughout his life, until he was slowed in the last two months by the effects of cancer and a fall.

Lyle was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Fred; and his sister Mary.

He is survived by his wife, Florence McGeoch; his son Lyle Andrew McGeoch and daughter-in-law Catherine of Amherst, Massachusetts; his son Peter McGeoch and daughter-in-law Caroline of Upper Arlington; and his daughter Elizabeth Nurre of Cincinnati. He is also survived by eight grandchildren: Ian and Alex McGeoch; John, Andrew, and Thomas McGeoch; and Alison, Lauren and Joseph Nurre. He leaves one great-grandchild, Ian Rigel McGeoch.

A memorial service will be held Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Athens, and interment will be in the Alexander Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 2 N. Court Street, Athens, OH 45701 or to the Athens County Food Pantry, 538 Richland Ave., Athens, OH 45701.

Arrangements are with Jagers & Sons Funeral Home, Athens.

Funeral Home

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Brother

Fred Mc Geoch was class of 42

Sister Mary

class of 45

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think Fred died years later
when he was at Tanta Hospital*

He is buried Cairo American Cemetery