Hugh Hartridge Grady, Jr., was born on October 6, 1947, in Savannah, GA, and died on May 8, 2022, in Philadelphia, PA, due to complications of acute leukemia. He is survived by his spouse, Susan Wells; his daughters, Constance Claire and Laura Rose; his son-in-law, Aaron Linn; his two grandchildren, Abigail Rose and Mason Mark Linn; and his sisters, Sheila Dean, Laura Ann Grady, and Meg Huff. He was Professor of English Emeritus at Arcadia University in Philadelphia, PA.

His scholarly reputation was built and rests solidly on the courage and lucidity of his many published books, chapters, and articles in journals such as Shakespeare Quarterly, Shakespeare Studies, and Shakespeare. From the beginning, he brought to bear a comprehensive understanding of contemporary theoretical and critical approaches to analyzing Shakespeare’s texts, as well as their roots in earlier theory and criticism.


Yet Hugh’s reputation as a scholar and a colleague transcends his publications. He is uniformly remembered for his unpretentious, modest demeanor; a low-key attitude that belied his stature in the profession; and his generosity, kindness, and warmth toward junior and senior colleagues alike. A gentleman and a scholar.

A viewing will be held from 12 noon to 1 PM on Sunday, 15 May 2022, at West Laurel Hill Cemetery, 225 Belmont Ave, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. A larger memorial service will be held at Arcadia University, at the Castle, on May 26 from 10:30 to 1:30. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, WHYY, or another cause important to you in Hugh’s honor. Share memories and tributes to Hugh at the Hugh H. Grady Memorial Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/groups/291025586444174/.