



Robert Bynum Albritton II

September 9, 2015

Robert Bynum Albritton II, 78, died Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at his home in Oxford, MS.

Born in Andalusia, AL, Dr. Albritton had received his PhD from Northwestern University in Illinois. He moved to Oxford in 1996 to work at the University of Mississippi as a professor of political science in the Liberal Arts department. Having played football, he was an avid football fan. He was an animal lover who often volunteered at the animal shelter as a "paw-walker". Dr. Albritton also supported St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

There will be a memorial service at a later date in Andalusia. Coleman Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Nantaporn Apasiripol of Oxford, MS; one son, Robert Bynum Albritton III of Herndon, VA; one daughter, Phyllis Mary-Anne Albritton of Evergreen, CO; one brother, William Leonard Albritton of Saskatoon, Canada; 3 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 or Oxford-Lafayette Humane Society, P.O. Box 1674, Oxford, MS 38655.

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall of this website.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I was saddened to hear of Professor Albritton’s passing. He was a terrific instructor and mentor while I attended Northern Illinois University in the early 90’s. So many of his lectures and perspectives on politics and life still ring true for me today. I trust that he’s in a great place. He embodies the phrase that I left on the alumni bricks at NIU, “What we do in this life echoes for eternity.” --
Dan Gora

Dan Gora - February 18, 2016 at 08:23 PM

DN

“ I always have fond memories of Bob from his time in Charlottesville, Virginia in the 1960s. I remember when he took a group of students to Selma, during the demonstrations there. A few years ago there was a PBS program on the nuns who had marched in Selma--and right in the middle of the program, who should I see but Bob Albritton! He was a model for many of us of how an Alabamian did not have to be anything like George Wallace--and that was indeed an inspiration. Farewell, old friend, and rest in peace.

David Nolan - October 14, 2015 at 11:55 AM

RJ

“ Dear Gai and family,

I want to express my condolences for your loss. I will miss Dr. Albritton.

I only worked with Dr. Albritton for a few years before he retired but I enjoyed our talks we would have and the cashews you and he would get me from Thailand. The wonderful present that you all sent me for Christmas. He was a thoughtful person and he will be missed.

My prayers go out to you and the family and wish peace and comfort at this time.

Sincerely,

Regina Jordan

Regina Jordan - October 13, 2015 at 03:59 PM

AN

“ *Bob was a key member of the Asian Barometer Surveys, a multinational, multi-team survey research project headquartered in Taiwan. All of us in the project loved Bob and enjoyed his teamwork as well as his astute comments on our questionnaires and statistical methods, which always helped to sharpen the project and produce consensus among the members. We are very sad to lose him.*

Andy Nathan, Columbia University

Andrew Nathan - September 24, 2015 at 07:43 AM

BR

“ *Dr. Bob Albritton was a good man, a seasoned veteran of the academy, and a conscientious member of the UM faculty. He will be missed.*

Bob led the UM Senate of the Faculty during a particularly important chapter of the university's life -- as we faced the possibility of deep and painful budget cuts and layoffs -- with grace, dignity, and strength. While we were fortunate that the actual cuts did not materialize, the University's leadership was better prepared and was aided in the development of a prudent and professional plan of action as a direct result of Bob's thoughtful and courageous work with then-Chancellor Dan Jones.

Many members of the larger faculty community do not know about Bob's important service during this challenging time. But that's my impression of the way that he liked to handle things: he simply wanted to do the right thing because it was the right thing, not for any credit or glory for himself. It was my pleasure and privilege to get to know him during those times.

With deepest sympathy for your loss,

Brian Reithel

Professor of Management Information Systems

Brian Reithel - September 19, 2015 at 03:04 PM

RF

“ Dear Gai and family,

On behalf of the Forgette family and friends, we want to express our condolences for your loss.

Bob was a good friend. We worked together for many years in the Political Science Department. We'll miss him, and he'll always be in our heart.

Please let me know if I can be of any help. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Rich Forgette

Rich Forgette - September 14, 2015 at 08:51 AM