



Carl Edward Skrade

August 11, 1935 - September 5, 2019

Dr. Carl Edward Skrade, 84, of Columbus, passed away on September 5, 2019. He was born on August 11, 1935 to the late Edwin and Edith Skrade. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Gene Skrade.

Upon graduating high school, Carl went on to attend Luther College in Decorah, Iowa where he received his undergraduate degree. He earned his M.Div. at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, and went on to earn his Th.D. from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. In 1966, Carl and his wife Carol moved to Columbus where he began teaching at Capital University. While at Capital University Carl was a celebrated professor and at times controversial. He was never afraid to challenge the status quo. He also authored two books; *Celluoid and Symbols* and *God and the Grotesque*.

In Carl's free time he enjoyed studying botany while tending to both his flower and vegetable gardens. He also loved photography and could often be found photographing flowers, wildlife and nature scenes. Carl built their family cabin in Wisconsin that would become a gathering place for his family for many years. Family vacations and great memories were shared at the cabin.

Carl will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 59 years, Carol Skrade; children, Pete Skrade and Kristofer (Ivy) Skrade; siblings, Roger (Cecilia) Skrade, Elaine Johnson, Doug (Helen) Skrade, and Barbara (Chuck) Gremore; grandchildren, Piper Skrade, Eli Skrade, and Annabel Skrade; half-brother/half son, Art Yoho; and many nieces, nephews and other collegiate friends and family.

A memorial service will be held on September 20, 2019 at 4PM at the Capital University Chapel.

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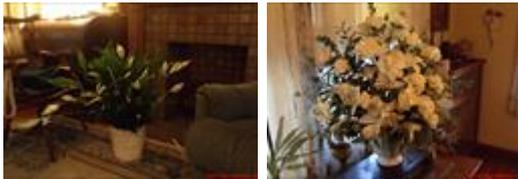


“ Carl’s influence as a teacher has profoundly impacted my life and work. I am daily grateful for his wisdom, kindness, and keen ability to foster creativity and independent thought. I have fond memories of caring for his family cats and Airedale terrior when the family was away and if the garden veggies that he and Carol shared with me as a student on a limited budget. Dr. Skrade never skirted the ragged edge of theology nor took refuge in easy answers or illusive hope. While that made the task of pastoral theology and practice more difficult for me, it has also made it more honest, and in the final analysis, more true. I once’s asked him what he believed about eternal life. He said that he believed that God who is gracious in life is gracious in death. May he rest in grace.

Rev. Dr. Deborah Ann (Duffy) Taylor - November 01, 2019 at 06:38 PM



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Peter Skrade - September 27, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ It’s a shame, but we do not know who sent the predominantly green arrangement. The other mostly white is from Ralph and Ann Anderson, and Cindy and Tom Scanlon.

Peter - September 27, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ Carol visited us in Kansas City 23 years ago. Here is a picture of Kate Skrade and Kate Skrade. Clearly Carl’s dog!



Mark Skrade - September 21, 2019 at 05:12 PM



“ Carl**

Mark Skrade - September 21, 2019 at 05:13 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Edward Skrade.



September 18, 2019 at 12:44 PM



“ Roger & Cecelia Skrade, their children & spouses purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Carl Edward Skrade.



Roger & Cecelia Skrade, their children & spouses - September 17, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ In September 1975 I rode the COTA bus from the West Side of Columbus to Capital University for my first college class scheduled at 8 AM. It was Carl's class. I was disoriented at first. In time, with Carl...because of Carl, I learned to think...and "be". Went to Israel twice with him. Sat in his office a lot. That was a good place to be. At the top of the stairs in Rudolph Hall outside his office was a particularly inauthentic picture of Jesus which Carl particularly disliked. On numerous occasions he offered to pay me money to make it disappear. I suppose I have spent a good bit of my life trying to effect that disappearance. I am not at all proud that I went to seminary and actually graduated. I am proud that they tried to kick me out over theological disagreement. My wife says that our daughter who is a social worker and has to cut through a lot of nonsense in her work...thinks like I do. Well, that wouldn't have happened if not for the COTA bus ride to Carl's class. When my Dad died, Carl came to the funeral home calling hours on the West Side. I am very grateful for his life. Very. That gratitude extends to all his family and loved ones. I am Jewish now. We say, "May his memory be for a blessing." It is.

Dan Johnson - September 16, 2019 at 12:02 PM



“ Dr. Skrade's classes were life changing for me. His Christianity and Cinema class was revelatory, and the films he screened for us, including "The Pope of Greenwich Village," "Harold and Maude," and "Stunt Man" continue to help me make sense of the world. He also loved musicians, and as a music composition major, and he expressed only encouragement and respect for me and the vocation I was pursuing.

I do recall now early on, when I was (I think) a freshman, walking up to him after a class to explain I would be late turning in an assignment. He put his hands on my head and yelled, "HEAL!!!" like a preacher, although I was too shocked to laugh. However, that was the last time I was late with an assignment!

My sincerely condolences to Carl Skrade's family. In my experience, our friends and family never really leave us. Their presence remains in ways that can be hard to explain.

Chris Becker - September 14, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ I remember Dr. Skrade, sitting cross legged on his desk, coffee mug cradled in his hand, with his head tilted to the side, waiting to hear the answer to his question. He took such joy in teaching. We called ourselves his groupies, and took to taking mugs of our own to "Skrade class" (although mine had Diet Pepsi in it). It was because of his classes and Dr. Wilson's that I declared religion as a major. I was honored to serve as his assistant my senior year at Cap.

May the strength of Christ's resurrection and God's promise to be with us always bring his family comfort and peace.

Beth Ferne Johnson, class of '91

Beth Johnson - September 13, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ I, too, was among those 80s students that Carl influenced to grow in faith, that in my case, led me to ordained ministry. Attributing that call to his influence as a mentor amused him to no end. I can still see him sitting on top of the desk in class, holding his coffee mug.

My favorite Skrade story was sophomore year when I was taking an overload of classes and couldn't get my final paper done before the Christmas break. I told him I would turn it in late and take a letter grade drop. He said no, turn in the paper or fail the class. I had no choice but to fail and try to explain to my parents.

When my grade card arrived before Christmas, there was a mistake. I had an A instead of an F, so I was glad that my parents wouldn't find out the truth until I was back in Columbus. When I returned, I went to Skrade's office, told him about the mistake, and he smiled and said it was no mistake. I protested and said, I didn't do the work, I didn't pass the class, and you gave me an A anyway? He said, "Lyberg,

what is the name of this class?"

"Grace." And he sat there and grinned. I have used that story many times in sermons and teaching.

BTW, he never gave me an A again. I got the point.

Tom Lyberg - September 12, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ Dr Skrade was my advisor as a religion major, pre theology when I was at Capital in the early 80's. He made such an impression and yes he did challenge my simplistic faith. He always made time for his students and impacted many lives - most certainly mine. I am so grateful I went to Capital and got to know Dr Skrade. He loved those who had questions and encouraged students to "think". My sympathy to his family and friends.

Bobbi Lindner

Bobbi Lindner - September 12, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ Dr. Skrade is THE professor I remember from my days at Capital in the early 80's. He challenged our "Sunday school faith" and helped us to start to deal with the more serious issues of faith. He was not popular with everyone, but for those of us who were headed to the seminary, he helped build a foundation for critical thinking in theology and Bible. And he loved it when I took him to the Clippers baseball games because we used my dad's box seats!!!

Ralph Wolfe - September 12, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ When I first became an adjunct professor at Capital, Carl was kind and welcoming to me. His teaching set a high bar for me to imitate. His model made me a better teacher.

E. Wray Bryant, Ph.D. Assistant Professor Religion and Philosophy, Capital University.

E. Wray Bryant - September 12, 2019 at 09:53 AM



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Ivy Skrade - September 11, 2019 at 09:18 AM



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Jean Binkovitz - September 07, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ We recall fondly the thoughtful lectures, the wonderful shared meals, the time at his cabin, his sailing with our kids. Carl opened new vistas for us, invited us in, and kept us company. He offered the Henri Nouwen "hospitality" we all need. We were sorry to learn of his death and cherish his memory. We send love to his family.

Jean Binkovitz - September 07, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ Robert Rumberg lit a candle in memory of Carl Edward Skrade



Robert Rumberg - September 07, 2019 at 12:39 PM