

GREGORY JOHN JARVIE

June 11, 1952 - February 4, 2022

Gregory John Jarvie, Ph.D., passed away following complications from COVID-19 on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, at the age of 69, with family by his side.

Born on June 11, 1952, in Lafayette, La., he is survived by his long-time partner and wife, Carina, brothers Alan (Rachel) and Jim, sister Jean Lyn (Craig), niece Leslie Colagrosso (Matt), nephews Will and Max, as well as a great-niece Gianna and great-nephew Jonathan. He is preceded in death by his parents, William John Jarvie and Lou Anne Conques Jarvie, as well as by his beloved greyhound Soren, and Soren's brothers, the Italian greyhounds Béla and Paris.

After squeezing seven years of graduate school into ten, Greg graduated with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Georgia (around the time of UGA's first national championship in college football). In 1982, he joined the Department of Psychology at Georgia College and was a vital and integral member of the department until his retirement in 2019. Greg taught various courses over the years but is best known for challenging students' assumptions and pre-existing beliefs in Abnormal Psychology, Aging, Psychology of Gender, X-Files and Madness.

Greg possessed a fantastic sense of humor, and many stories abound, chronicling his antics inside and outside the classroom. He once showed up dressed head to toe in full leathers to lecture on societal definitions of "What is normal?" Greg constantly pulled pranks on the nursing faculty when both departments were in Ennis Hall. He led students, faculty, and staff in the then-famous, or possibly infamous, sometimes traditional, gender stereotype-defying cover band, "The Roids." Greg never failed to capture the attention, hearts, and minds of those around him.

Greg loved music, and on many mornings in the department, you could hear him

singing along, most often loudly and off-key, to a wide variety of artists, bands, and genres. "Roxanne" by the Police was a recurring favorite, as was "Shake it Off" by Taylor Swift. He also sang along with various selections by Slim Whitman, Green Day, Oingo Boingo, Neil Diamond, The Offspring, The B-52's, Bon Jovi, Paramore, and others. Greg was responsible for writing/directing/producing/costuming and starring in several short films featuring students and faculty. Some of these received awards at the BALD Shorts Film Festival. He also formed an award-winning (at least two in ancillaries) amateur competition BBQ team comprising departmental colleagues and close friends. He'd complete the application forms, design and acquire t-shirts for team members, and then sit back with a beverage and a cigar and wait to sample the team's creations. And when the team's ribs, pulled pork, chicken, Bloody Mary's, and desserts were not enough, he'd wander off searching for the ever-elusive funnel cake. Greg also loved pie, most any kind of pie, not to mention the biscuits from the Golden Pantry.

Dr. Greg Jarvie was widely known in the local community. For decades, he maintained a private practice in clinical psychology, serving Milledgeville and the surrounding area. After retiring from Georgia College, he provided pre-trial evaluations for individuals housed in Forensic Services at Central State Hospital.

Greg could often be seen around downtown Milledgeville. When his go-to breakfast spot, Mike's Snack Shack, closed, Blackbird Coffee became his favorite morning hang out. Passers-by would often see him waiting, the embodiment of patience, his face sometimes pressed against the glass, as he longed for the clock to strike 7 a.m. He would stroll inside, order his no-frills black coffee, go to his favorite place on the couch, and wait to hold court with the close-knit group of friends he referred to as the "Coffee Clutch." Some mornings, Greg would wander across the street for blueberry pancakes at The Local Yolka Cafe.

Greg profoundly influenced everyone around him, including his family, students, clients, colleagues, and community. He was always ready to help and gave his resources and time unselfishly. Greg continued to provide psychological services to clients when they

experienced financial hardships. He offered insights and provided free mini-therapy sessions to various community members. Over the years, Greg helped a number of students. On more than one occasion, Greg paid a student's tuition. For others, he assisted with bills or medical expenses, and he made sure students were able to attend professional conferences. Greg demonstrated the kind of generosity that often changes the course of an individual's life, while leaving an unforgettable mark on countless others.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Animal Rescue Foundation in Milledgeville.