

LOUIS BOURNE

Dr. Louis Milton Bourne, who taught Spanish language and literature at GCSU for 16 years until his retirement in 2017, passed away December 23, 2024.

Dr. Bourne was known internationally as a translator of poetry from Spanish into English, and as the translator of Robert Bly's poetry in Spanish. He published his own collection of poems in English, *The Thought of Seeing*, in 2019 (Limerick, Ireland: Revival Press). The collection is a meditation from childhood memories to thoughts of old age, reflecting on his many years spent in Spain, from Franco's dictatorship to the country's cosmopolitan present; the American South; and the loss of his beloved wife, Adelina Rosales Martin, to cancer in 2007.

Born in 1942 in Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Bourne was the third of his name. His grandfather, the first Louis Bourne, was a lawyer who laid out the Code (Charter and Ordinances) for Asheville, North Carolina in 1909. The second of his name was his uncle, a Marine Corps major who made the first non-stop flight from Miami to Managua, Nicaragua in a tri-motored Fokker on January 14, 1928. Dr. Louis Bourne (the Third) was raised in Alexandria, Virginia near Washington DC, spent a year of schooling in Mussoorie, India, in the foothills of the Himalayas, as well as half a year in Cairo, Egypt. He received a B.A. in English and Latin from the University of North Carolina, where he edited the *Carolina Quarterly* from 1962 to 1964; an M.A. from Hollins College, VA ; and a B.A. and M.A. in English Literature from Oxford University, where his tutor was F.W. Bateson. He earned his PhD in Spanish with New York University in Madrid.