

In Memory of Robert Hull, Ph.D., CCC-SLP



It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of one of VSU's finest. Robert A. Hull, Jr., passed away unexpectedly Monday, April 6th, in his home. Bob was a professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders at VSU. He was recently honored by the Georgia Speech-Language Hearing Association at the annual convention with the Honors of the Association in recognition of his outstanding performance in clinical service, academic teaching, service to GSHA, and service to local, regional, and national professional organizations.

During his career, Bob developed many of the courses taught at Ball State University and Valdosta State University. His foresight into academia led him to develop and teach specific courses on both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Those courses covered Augmentative and Alternative Communication, Language Development, Diagnostic Methods in Speech-Language-Pathology, Articulation and Fluency. His driving force was to ensure that students were equipped with all of the information and skills needed to make contributions to the field after graduation. He was loved and respected greatly by his students. As one former student wrote: "He was and will always be the backbone and the heart and soul of not only our COMD program at VSU but also for many of our profession as SLPs. He believed in each of us even when we did not believe in ourselves." In addition to his role as a professor and advisor, Bob also was a clinical supervisor, a clinic director, an off campus placement coordinator, and the parliamentarian and executive secretary of the university faculty senate.

His impact on the profession spanned the country through his service to multiple state and national professional organizations. For 23 years, he was a member of GSHA. For 22 of those years, he held every office in the association and served as President for two terms. He served as the Ad-Hoc Chair of the Directory Committee in the 1980s, which led to the publication of GSHA's first membership directory. Not only did he serve GSHA, but he also served as the Publications and Technology Chair for the Council of State Association Presidents, an affiliate organization of ASHA, and on several ASHA Committees.

A colleague remembers him best - "He was a seasoned professional with a history of management success. He had an untiring work ethic and a broad background of leadership. He was a true professional, and I am proud to have called him my friend and colleague."

At VSU, we are deeply saddened by Bob's untimely death and our thoughts and prayers are extended to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by everyone whose lives had been touched by such a remarkable man.

