

IN MEMORIAM



It is with deep sadness that we in VECAP note the passing on October 16, 2019, of Cliffe Rice (George Radcliffe “Cliffe” Rice, III) of Georgia. Many of you may know or remember Cliffe as a smiling, friendly and sincere publisher of vocational evaluation and assessment products. Always supportive of practitioners, he often shared his products at no or reduced cost to us—to help us get started or make it through tight budget restrictions. He advocated appropriate assessment for all, but particularly for people with special needs. If you visit his Piney Mountain Press company website you will see that he lists VECAP along with ACTE (Association for Career Technical Education) and DCDT (Division of Career Development and Transition) there.

Many years ago, Cliff helped sponsor a national symposium on vocational evaluation and assessment. During the presentations, all of which he attended faithfully, a speaker criticized available learning style preference assessments because they used only paper and pencil formats to assess multiple preferences. Cliff immediately got to work developing a multi-modal assessment, thanked the speaker, and even sent her renditions of the Learning/Working Styles instrument to make sure he was on the right track. He wanted his products to be equitable and useful for everyone.

Cliffe founded Piney Mountain Press in 1982, and from that time on, collaborated with vocational evaluators and transition personnel to develop the best assessment products possible. For instance, he collaborated with Nancy Scott on refining the Voc-Ties, which she developed initially and with others refining the SAM, etc. His goal was to support people with special needs while also meeting the needs of practitioners.

His generous funding of student scholarships for those with special needs was exceeded only by his sponsorship of state and national conferences for professionals who serve them. Cliffe willingly made presentations free of charge to support the use of research-based assessment. He received the National Outside Service Provider Award from the Special Populations Division of ACTE—it was well deserved.

Although we have been told Piney Mountain Press will continue, we will miss seeing Cliffe at conferences, talking with him on the phone, and brainstorming new, needed assessment instruments and work samples. Cliffe made a difference in our and the greater world and he contributed in a quiet, but gentlemanly, even courtly way. He was a man of integrity. We will miss him.

If you wish to offer condolences to his family, you may send them to the business address:

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