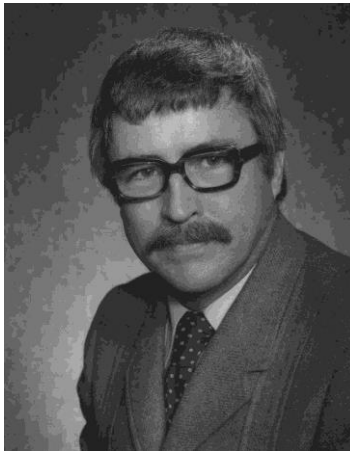


Charles L. Darby

(Biographical sketch by Roger K. Thomas, 2012)



Charles Lord Darby was born October 27, 1925, in Birmingham, Alabama. After serving in the U. S. Merchant Marine from 1943-1946, he enrolled at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, and earned a B.A. degree in 1949. He earned the Ph.D. degree at Emory University in 1956 under the supervision of Arthur J. Riopelle. Darby specialized in experimental psychology with an emphasis on the biological foundations of behavior. For his dissertation he studied observational learning in the rhesus monkey, and an article based on it was published (with Riopelle) in the *Journal of Comparative and Physiological Psychology* in 1959. In 1950, Darby married Barbara M. Macris who had earned the B.A. degree at Agnes Scott College and the M.A. degree at Emory University. The precise date of Darby's death has yet to be determined, but I believe it was in the late 1970s and after an extensive battle with cancer.

After a year (1955-1956) as Assistant professor at Western Michigan University, Darby served as a Research Scientist with the U.S. Army Air Defense Unit at Fort Bliss, Texas (1957-1959) and as a Research Psychologist at the Southeast Louisiana Hospital in 1959-1960. Darby returned to academia in 1960 as Assistant Professor at Purdue University. He attained the rank of Associate Professor at Purdue before moving to Florida Atlantic University in 1964. Darby came to the University of Georgia as Professor of Psychology in 1966. In 1967, he was appointed Assistant Vice President for Instruction. In 1969, he was appointed Head of the Department of Psychology, and in 1975 he was appointed Associate Dean in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences.

Beginning at Purdue and continuing thereafter, Darby gave priority in his career to teaching and administration, the latter always in positions that enabled him to enhance teaching. He is best remembered for his dedication to teaching excellence and to fostering teaching excellence. Following his death, the Charles L. Darby Award was established in the Department of Psychology to be given annually to the department's most outstanding teacher among its graduate students.