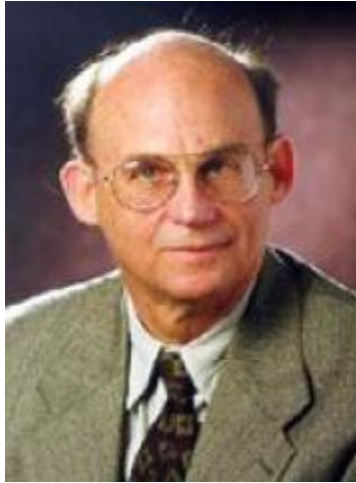


## J. Narl Davidson



Professor Emeritus Narl Davidson (79) passed away on Dec 12, 2019. He came to Georgia Tech in 1973 from Texas A&M and spent the rest of his illustrious career at Tech, both in the Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering and during a variety of stints in the College of Engineering Dean's office where he served as interim dean on three occasions and retired as an Associate Dean in 2006.

From 1973 to 1983, Narl served as an Associate Professor in Tech's nuclear engineering program. In 1983 he became an Associate Director in mechanical engineering and was elevated to Associate Dean in the College of Engineering in 1990. In recognition of his service to Georgia Tech he was bestowed the title of Professor Emeritus when he retired.

A respected educator and administrator, Narl served on many committees, including chairing the Technical Safety Review Committee for the decommissioning of the Neely Nuclear Reactor and the removal of Cobalt-60 from the Neely Building and serving on the facilities program committees for MRDC I & II, ES&T, and several labs.

Narl also generously gave of his time for student organizations, advising student organizations and serving on the advisory boards of both the Women's Leadership Conference and the Women's Center.

As an educator Narl was honored with outstanding teaching awards at Texas A&M (1973) and Georgia Tech (1977), along with the Engineer of the Year in Education Award from the Atlanta section of the ASME (1988), the Omicron Delta Kappa Friend of the Student Award (1992) and the Good Guy in Education Award from the Georgia and Atlanta Women's Political Caucuses in 1997. He was honored by Georgia Tech students in the ANAK Society, a group whose purpose is to recognize outstanding members of the Georgia Institute of Technology community for their strong character, leadership ability, and true love for the school.

Narl was a friend and mentor to many at Georgia Tech. Our thoughts are with his family during this time as they celebrate his life and mourn his passing. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, please consider giving a gift to the Alzheimer's Association of Georgia, The Friendship Center at Holy Comforter in Atlanta, or a charity of your choice in order to honor Narl. A memorial service will be held in January.

This notice was drawn from remembrances of colleagues and from [a lengthy obituary published in \*The Atlanta Journal-Constitution\*](#) on Dec. 15, 2019.