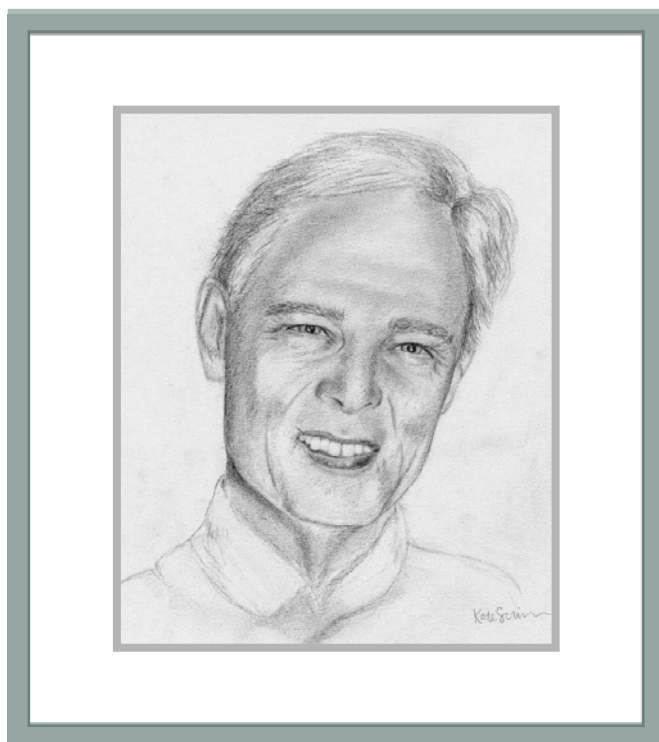


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D. Hal Averett



Pencil drawing by Kate Scrivner

Hal Averett loved many things – history, First Baptist Church, water skiing, helping others, his dogs, travel, and especially his family and countless friends. Columbus has been truly blessed by his energy, his determination and his limitless vision.

The Riverdale-Porterdale Cemetery Foundation is just one of several ideas Hal developed and pursued from first step onward. Beginning in about 2005, he channeled his energies on the need for attention to three downtown cemeteries – the nearly adjacent burial grounds of Columbusites from all walks of life. A casual lunch at his home brought together a small group of people representing various interests and experiences; the number grew, monthly meetings developed, and before long a charitable foundation was in the works. As usual, Mr. Averett never looked back.

Through the ensuing years, Hal developed an important relationship with the Columbus Consolidated Government, with which the foundation has partnered to accomplish many improvements, including landscape enhancements, building restoration and security features. His personal attributes and keen attention to detail have insured the success of endeavors large and small.

Stumbling blocks are inevitable, but for Hal they were minor irritations he found ways to overcome, and sometimes those problems even became challenges he accepted with relish. Time spent near – or on – the river apparently helped overcome frustrations, and renewed his vitality.

This Foundation will continue to grow and develop, thanks to the inspiration and fond memories of Hal Averett.

Join The Dale's Society

Please support the Riverdale-Porterdale Cemetery Foundation by becoming a member of The Dales Society. Our membership program was started in 2012 to raise funds to promote and further our mission of improving, enhancing and promoting the 3 cemeteries we support.

To join, just choose a membership level below and mail your donation to P.O. Box 5128, Columbus, GA 31906. Make your check payable to the Riverdale-Porterdale Cemetery Foundation, Inc. and include your mailing address (if different from your check), phone number and email address. Thank You!!!

Level 1: \$15 **Level 2:** \$30 **Level 3:** \$50 **Level 4:** \$100 **Level 5:** Other Amount of Your Choice

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In Memory of Mary Jane Underwood

The Foundation is honored to have received a generous donation from the Estate of **Mary Jane Underwood**. Ms. Underwood was a life-long Columbus resident and a 1947 graduate of Jordan High School. She excelled in sports and was inducted into The Georgia Softball Hall of Fame in the early 1990's. Ms. Underwood retired as an Executive Vice President at Callaway Enterprises and passed away in 2017 at the age of 87. Her parents and 2 sisters are buried at Riverdale Cemetery. We are grateful to Ms. Underwood for remembering the Riverdale-Porterdale Cemetery Foundation in her estate plans.

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(09-01-18 through 03-15-19)

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MARKER ART AND SYMBOLISM



Top left: Angels often mark the grave of a child

Top middle: Angel reading from the Book of Life

Top right: Angel praying unceasingly

Right: An angel praying - possibly for the soul of the deceased





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The Foundation has a list of services ranging from record keeping to landscaping, from techno-genius to techno-novice. We're even open to your suggestions of how you might improve what we do and how we do it.

Use the 'contact us' page on the Foundation website
www.riverdaleporterdale.org
to check out the possibilities.

