



Priscilla Campbell Echols

October 27, 1958 - February 8, 2020

Priscilla Campbell Echols, MA, PhD, MSW

Priscilla Campbell Echols passed away on February 8, 2020, at her home at The Villages, Florida. She was 61 years old. A native of Tallahassee, Florida, Priscilla was born on October 27, 1958. She attended Tate High School and received her bachelor's degree with honors in Literature at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida. She received her master's and Ph.D. degrees from the Institute of the Liberal Arts at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and an MSW degree from the University of Georgia. She participated in the HERS/ Mid-America Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration in 1995 and the Emory University Excellence through Leadership Program in 2006-7.

Dr. Echols retired from Emory University in 2018 after thirty-six-year career in academic administration and teaching, during which time she made many fine contributions to the University. Most recently she served as Senior Associate Director of Student Academic Records and Student Systems at the Emory College of Arts and Sciences. Her other positions of substantial responsibility include Associate Dean of Emory College, 2001-2018; Assistant Dean of Emory College 1994-2001; Acting Assistant Dean of Emory College, 1991-1994; Educational Programs Coordinator for Emory College, 1990-1991; and Coordinator of the Emory College Degree Certification and Emory

College Freshman Seminar Program from 1987-1990.

From 1982-1987 she was a graduate assistant in the College Office.

Dr. Echols taught various courses at Emory across academic departments, including "Introduction to Violence Studies," "Religion and Contemporary Experience," "Biblical Literature," "Biblical Imagery in Twentieth Century Literature," "Images of the Apocalypse," as well as "Medieval Italian Women's History" and "Dante's Inferno," in the Emory Summer Abroad in Italy Program. She received a Certificate of Special Recognition for her work with the Freshman Advising and Mentoring Program at Emory in 2006, the Outstanding Faculty Leader in Service Award, presented by Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, 1997, and the Friends in Faculty Award, presented by the Emory Division of Campus Life, 1997.

The Emory College of Arts and Sciences honored Dr. Echols on her retirement by establishing the Priscilla Echols Resilience Award. This award assists a college student who has overcome significant difficulties to reach graduation. The first student award recipient unexpectedly became the primary caregiver of younger siblings when his parents were deported. Nonetheless the student managed to complete his studies and graduate. This award honors the dedication and tireless efforts of Dr. Echols to help students find a successful path to graduation.

Dr. Echols was an accomplished singer who participated annually in the "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" Christmas Concert at Emory. She was a devout Christian, a devoted family member, and a good friend to many. She was preceded in death by her father, Reverend Charles W. Echols, Sr., her mother, Alice M. Echols, and her sister, Jane E. Hunter. She is survived by her brother, Charles W. Echols, Jr., her sister-in-law, Kathleen L. Echols, her brother-in-law, James Hunter, and several nieces, nephews, and grandnieces.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg,
FL.

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Dean Echols at Emory University's College Office. She was kind and left a beautiful impression upon me that will be with me forever. Enjoy heaven for eternity 🌸

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