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MALCOLM, A GAINESVILLE
RESIDENT, WAS KNOWN BY MANY
AS “THE GRANDFATHER OF
GEORGIA FALCONRY”.



Malcolm Edwards was an early and generous supporter of The Archives of Falconry. Among his many generous gifts was the unique NAFA belt buckle, crafted by Silverado Silversmiths for the 1980 Meet raffle. The buckle was patterned after the 1979 Meet print, NAFA's first meet print, by Richard Sloan.



L-R: Alva Nye, Kin Quitugua, & Malcolm Edwards – NAFA Alamosa, 1980

Malcolm Grey Edwards pioneered falconry in Georgia. The Gainesville resident was known by many as “The Grandfather of Georgia Falconry”. He helped lay down the ground rules for the sport. A lifelong falconer, Mr. Edwards helped draft state legislation to regulate hunting seasons and establish falconry licensing requirements in the mid-1970s according to his wife, Betty. A former director of the North American Falconers’ Association, Mr. Edwards trained and raised Redtails and Harris Hawks among other birds. He was a founder and past president of the Georgia Falconry Association and worked tirelessly on behalf of the sport. A master falconer for many years, he sometimes sponsored apprentice falconers, provided the person could handle the responsibility. Recognizing Mr. Edwards’ expertise and contribution to the sport, Georgia Public Television aired a program on falconry which was dedicated to Mr. Edwards as the “Grandfather of Georgia Falconry.” Mr. Edwards worked with Cornell University and the Peregrine Fund’s recovery team. Birds of prey were Mr. Edwards’ life long passion. A native of Asheville, N.C., Mr. Edwards earned bachelor’s degree in wildlife management from North Carolina State University in Raleigh. He supervised game wardens in western North Carolina before joining the US Forest Service. He later relocated to Atlanta and became the branch chief of the service’s wildlife division for the Southeastern region. A true friend of the earth, he maintained a deep interest in the outdoors his entire life. He was as knowledgeable as anyone in the Southeast about the woodlands and wildlife. His passion for the environment was so great that even while undergoing treatment for cancer, he would write articles stating his position and clarifying issues. His experience and voice on outdoors issues will be missed. A decorated World War II veteran, Mr. Edwards served in the Army Air Corps as a bombardier and was awarded the Silver Star, the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart. He was survived by his wife, Betty, daughters Anita Grey Edwards and Janice Lee Edwards.



THOUGHTS FROM *Friends*

I never knew a kinder soul. I brashly invited myself along on one of his peregrine banding trips. Without ever having met me, he was gracious and let me assist with everything. During my years as a NAFA officer and Malcolm as Southeast Director, I appreciated his fair attitude and sensible Southern Gentleman's spirit as he tackled the organizations' issues. He will be missed, and if you did not know him, you missed out.

–M. Alan Jenkins

A true gentleman with a good sense of humor, an avid hawker, unpretentious, a talented speaker and writer, a leader in captive breeding, and certainly the grandfather of falconry in Georgia. – Bill Boni

At the first state meet I attended, I found myself as one of two women in a totally male fraternity. I did not know a soul. Malcolm showed me around. He showed us his photo albums from the good old days. Just hearing him talk, warmed me to the group. He took us trapping. He was indeed a gentleman. – Melinda



Malcolm and his Red Tail in 1990.

