CED Remembers Doug Allen, BLA ’71

November 5, 2014

Doug Allen, FASLA (1947-2014)

Memorial Information

A visitation will be held on Fri, Nov 7th, from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Berean Reception Room at First Presbyterian Church.

A memorial service will be held on Sat, Nov 8th, at First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 am with a reception following in Fifield Hall.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Douglas C. Allen Institute for the Study of Cities. Mailing address: 115 Perimeter Center Place, Suite 170, Atlanta, GA 30346-1238.

Online condolences may be made at hmpattersonspringhill.com.

Obituary from the Atlanta Journal Constitution

Douglas C. Allen, beloved professor and visionary landscape architect, died on October 26, 2014 from brain cancer. He 1971 from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree.

In his early career, he worked for Designer’s Collaborative in Athens, Ga., and then in Atlanta, Ga., for William H. Laubmann and Associates. While there, he worked on the Chattahoochee Corridor Study for the Atlanta Regional Commission. In 1973, he continued to work on the Chattahoochee River with the Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources. This work led to the designation of the Chattahoochee as a National Recreational Area. From 1974-1976, he attended graduate school at Harvard University, earning a Master of Landscape Architecture. He was awarded the ASLA Certificate of Honor for “excellence in the study of landscape architecture.” He briefly returned to the Georgia DNR.

In 1977, he began a 37 year teaching career in the College of Architecture at Georgia Tech, except for the 1987-1988 year as Visiting Professor of Landscape Architecture at Harvard University. Professionally, he practiced landscape architecture for over 40 years, designing
and planning commercial, residential, and institutional projects for both public and private sector clients all over the world, from Smyrna, Ga. to Baltimore, Md., and as far away as West Bank, Israel. Former students working in many spheres say they are forever influenced by him in their work. Doug was not only a gifted teacher, lecturer, and administrator.

In the Fall of 2013, he was honored by election to the Council of Fellows of the American Society of Landscape Architects (FASLA). Doug made seminal contributions to the field of landscape architecture, particularly to the study of cities and the urban landscape. He published, served on juries, and lectured widely, at universities all over the United States. He served for several years on the editorial board of *Places Journal*. In 2013, he was honored by his alma mater, The University of Georgia, with the Distinguished Alumni Medal by the College of Environment and Design. He delivered the commencement address to the CED in May, 2014, at the invitation of Dean Daniel Nadenicek.