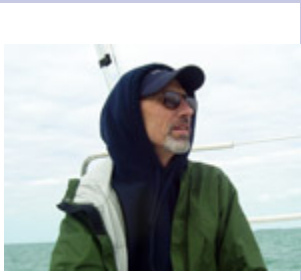


David Styles (Ed.D. 1995)
(- October 27, 2010)

The Foreign Service Institute's Leadership and Management School is deeply saddened to report the passing of our dear friend and colleague, David Styles. An Alabama native, a generous and gentle soul, David touched countless lives across the globe. He died of brain cancer on Wednesday, October 27.



David began his work at FSI in late 1999 and was the recipient of multiple Meritorious and Superior Honor awards. Prior to joining FSI, David spent many years doing international development work before coming to FSI. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, from 1974-76. After returning to the U.S. to obtain a graduate degree in Agricultural Extension from the University of Tennessee, he ventured to Africa, where he worked as a Lecturer in the School of Agriculture at the University of Swaziland. He also worked for the Academy for Educational Development in Botswana.



Altogether, he spent five years in Southern Africa. He returned to the U.S. and pursued a Doctorate in International Education and then returned to the Pacific Islands and Peace Corps, where he was first the Program and Training Officer, and later the Country Director, for Peace Corps Micronesia, and also served as the Program and Training Officer and Country Director for Peace Corps in St. Lucia, Eastern Caribbean. In total, he had 21 years of Federal service.

All of us who had the good fortune to work with or know David valued him as a respected colleague and a caring man.

He is survived by his wife, Patti; his three daughters, Meghan, Kristin, and Elizabeth; and two granddaughters, Kalani and Sienna. Our thoughts are with them, and the larger community he touched, during this difficult time.

From his wife Patti:

On October 27th, surrounded by friends and family, David Styles peacefully passed away. As many know, David battled brain cancer. For the past three years he defied his diagnosis and continued to live a full life. He worked at a job he loved and spent time with friends and family, traveling as far as Qatar to visit his grand kids, this past spring.

He will be forever loved and missed, by his wife of 33 years, his daughters, granddaughters, and all his family and friends.

A memorial service for David was held at the Church of the Nativity on October 30th, in Burke Virginia. [Eulogy](#) by Dan Gerber delivered at the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to [Save the Children](#), - he liked the low administrative costs!

Condolences and messages for the family can be sent to Dan Gerber (gerber@schoolph.umass.edu)



David (McCurry) & I (Bonnie Mullinix) have sweet memories of our overlapping time at CIE (1983-1995): The big ideas, the grounded practice, the ever present kidlets... the best of times, in so many ways. I think one way we mark our time and contributions to this world is through our work another is through our families, children and friends. The grand reward of doing work in international and domestic education and development is that you know you are making a difference. The reward of family and children, well... that is self-evident. Your contributions have been substantial on all these fronts: a legacy of good work that will continue to contribute... a family that will carry your stories forward... and a large network of friends and colleagues built with care over many years.

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Looking at the names of the people on your e-mail list has made me reflect on how fleeting life is. There was a circle of friends that I saw every day for so many years and we shared so many ideas and dreams. And then we all went our different ways. I didn't stay in touch very well, and life moved on for all of us and some passed on. I wish it were possible for us all to go back for a few hours to relive a day at a Center retreat. Although we can't go back, in my heart of hearts, I do believe that it's possible for us to have reunions with friends in the next life

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