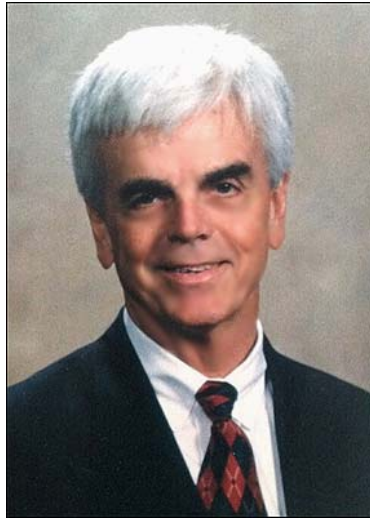


# WALTER HOWARD BUCE, JR.

February 16, 1938 - December 13, 1995



*We are fortunate to have known him and will miss him greatly.*

**T**he Atlanta Chapter RIMS recognizes the numerous accomplishments of Walter H. Buce, Jr., an outstanding and inspirational leader in the Atlanta insurance community. From the beginning, Walter's versatile personality, zany sense of humor and interminable loyalty gained him life-long friendships, both personal and professional.

As a scholar, he recognized and encouraged the fulfillment one could obtain through higher education. As a historian, Walter felt that history was a great teacher and that many of life's lessons could be learned from the past. As an outdoorsman, Walter had a love for nature matched only by his devotion, dedication and commitment to his family. And, as a philosopher, Walter understood and accepted the boundaries of life, not always wanting to fit in, but always striving to reach beyond the conformity with youthful enthusiasm and perseverance.

Walter, who was voted most popular in high school in Columbus, Georgia, was the captain of the football team, set track records, held various varsity letters and played on the South All Star High School Football Team of 1956.

He attended Georgia Tech, Georgia State and the University of Georgia, majoring in business and history. In 1984, he was a Torchbearer for the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Walter was truly a student of the Risk Management business and eagerly sought new alternatives for traditional challenges with vision and determination. After working for Georgia Power and Hartford Insurance Company, Walter joined National Service Industries, Inc. (NSI), in 1970 as Safety Director. In the ensuing years, he advanced through the ranks at NSI to assume the position of Staff Vice-President with overall responsibility for Risk Management which he held until his death. He was also a member of the Board of Directors for NSI Insurance (Bermuda) Ltd. Walter was an active member of the Risk and Insurance Management Society serving as President of the Atlanta chapter from 1982 to 1983 and as a director on the National RIMS Board.

Walter, always large in heart and soul, gave to the community with great generosity and commitment. His volunteer endeavors included The American Cancer Society, United Way, Junior Achievement, Metropolitan YMCA, Georgia Jaycees, Georgia PTA and the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Commission, serving as chairman for one year. As a dedicated supporter and founding father of our Educational Conference, Walter's guidance over the past 12 years has been significant, heartfelt and appreciated.