

# Mr. Ryals, longtime Duke professor, dies

From staff reports

Clyde de Loache Ryals, professor and former chairman of the English department at Duke University, died Friday morning at home in Durham. He was 69.

Mr. Ryals' scholarly field was 19th-century English literature, and he published studies of the work of Browning and Tennyson. His 1993 book, "The Life of Robert Browning: A Critical Biography," was reissued in paperback in 1996.

In 1980, the then-English department chairman was tapped to take up the Carlyle Letters Project, a joint undertaking of Duke University and the University of Edinburgh. He had his reservations, and agreed at first to serve a one-year directorship.

"But lo and behold," he said afterward, "I found that I liked it."

Begun at Duke by professor Charles R. Sanders, the project was nine volumes into the publication of the 10,000-plus letters of the celebrated Scottish essayist

Thomas Carlyle and his wife, Jane, when Mr. Ryals took up the task. He took the work through Volume 25, estimating 20 more volumes would be required to complete the project. He conducted wide correspondence via e-mail but considered it "of no historical importance."

Born Dec. 19, 1928, in Atlanta to Chester A. and Ruth de Loache Ryals, he earned his undergraduate and master of arts degrees from Emory University and a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania, where he taught before coming to Duke in 1973.

He was known for his impeccable attire, his flashing but never biting wit and his love for and knowledge of classical music. He enjoyed book collecting, gardening, entertaining, gourmet cookery and maintained a superb wine cellar. His penultimate listings in "Who's Who" were simply "Democrat. Episcopalian."

Mr. Ryals was a dedicated member of St. Philip's Parish, where he



## LEARNED LIFE:

Former English department chairman Clyde de Loache Ryals was known for his impeccable attire, love of classical music and modesty.

sang in the choir, served as lay reader and greeter, and was a loyal prison-ministry member.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hildegard Thun Scheffey Ryals, and a stepson, Mr. Mark Ellerkmann of Baltimore.

The family will be at the home, 1620 University Drive, from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday. A requiem Eucharist will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Philip's Episcopal Church. Interment will follow in the church's memorial garden.

The family asks that flowers be omitted. For those who wish to make memorial donations, they suggest Planned Parenthood of Durham and Orange Counties, 820 Broad St., Durham 27705; Triangle Land Conservancy, 1100-A Wake Forest Road, Raleigh 27604; or Triangle Hospice, 1804 Martin Luther King Parkway, Durham 27707.

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### Acknowledgment

*Thank you for the many kindnesses extended during this  
time of our bereavement.*

*The Family*

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*"The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation"*

Mr. Eddie Julius Saddler, Sr.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

1306 Lincoln Street  
Durham, North Carolina

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Tuesday, May 10, 1988  
11:00 A.M.

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The Reverend George F. Neal, Pastor, Officiating



## Obituary

MR. EDDIE J. SADDLER, SR. (DUKE) was the second son and fourth child of six, born to the late Hosea and Ollie Saddler on March 3, 1926 in Anderson, S.C. He departed this life Thursday, May 5, 1988 at Duke University Medical Center.

At an early age, he joined Salem Presbyterian Church, Anderson, S.C., where he served as an Elder.

Mr. Saddler was a veteran of World War II. He attended Reed Street High School in Anderson, S.C., and matriculated at N.C. College on a football scholarship where he played center on the varsity team. He also later attended Durham Business College.

Mr. Saddler worked at various occupations after coming to Durham. For many years he worked as a Bell Captain at the Jack Tar Hotel and operated a taxi service in the employ of the late Mr. James Hawkins and his Hillside Taxi Company. Mr. Saddler was a former President of Associated Cab Company and owner of Triangle Cab Company. Eddie J. Saddler, Sr. was known by both his friends and family as a hard-working, selfless and dedicated man. He was always "going about doing good" and helping those who were in need. He was a very determined man and given to a high level of principle.

He was united in holy matrimony on September 6, 1947 to the then Willie L. Bruce, with whom he lived until his passing. To this union were born three very fine children.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his devoted wife, Mrs. Willie B. Saddler of the home; his three children, Mrs. LaWanda Saddler-Assem of Albany, NY, Mr. Eddie J. Saddler, Jr. of Anderson, SC and Ms. Ingrid L. Saddler of Durham, NC; five grandchildren, Deidre and Kenise Lyons, Adrienne, Kendra and Edward T. Saddler; one brother, Mr. Charles R. Sadler of Washington, DC; one sister, Mrs. Georgia Sadler-Boyd of Orangeburg, SC; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Bruce of Anderson, SC; two brothers-in-law, Mr. Harold Bruce of Cleveland, Ohio and Mr. James Boyd of Orangeburg, SC; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Jackie Sadler of Washington, DC; one son-in-law, Mr. Katey Assem; one niece, Zara Sadler, several nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Eddie J. Saddler, Sr., will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

May his soul rest in peace.

### *Crossing The Bar*

*Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea.*

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;*

*For though from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.*

—Alfred Tennyson—

## Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

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HYMN ..... *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

SCRIPTURE ..... Rev. George F. Neal

PRAYER ..... Rev. Milton Lewis

HYMN ..... *Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Rev. Bell

SOLO *It is well with my soul* ..... Mr. Nathaniel McLaughlin

EULOGY ..... Rev. George F. Neal

BENEDICTION ..... Rev. George F. Neal

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Interment  
Beechwood Cemetery  
Durham, N.C.

DRIVERS IN THE PROCESSION, PLEASE TURN ON HEADLIGHTS FOR SAFETY.