Darrell passed away on Thursday August 16th, 2012 after several weeks of failing health at Tift Regional Hospital. Darrell was a loyal hospital engineer and will be missed by all his family and friends.

Even in retirement Darrell continued to attend the annual Georgia Society for Hospital Engineers meetings. Darrell loved NASCAR racing, bird hunting, fishing, clay bird shooting and riding his gator with his pal, “Freckles” the dog.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Ann Goodwin of Tifton; one son, Eric Goodwin of Tifton; and one daughter, Alyssa Ann Goodwin of Waxahachie, Texas along with two brothers and two sisters. The Family requests in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Zion Hope Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 353 Zion Hope Road, Tifton, GA 31793.

Darrell Goodwin was born in Tifton, Georgia on October 23, 1940. He has four brothers and one sister. Darrell has been married for 48 years to his childhood sweetheart Ann who was two years old when they met; Darrell was five and lived across the street. They have no grandchildren, but several “grand dogs.” Darrell started his career at age 19 when he went to work for Adams Electric Company in Reidsville, North Carolina. After 5 years with Adams he went to work for Doyle Electric which had just been awarded the electrical contract on the new construction of the Tift General Hospital in 1965. Darrell was Doyle Electric’s foreman and was asked to stay with the hospital after the construction by Mr. A.B Hunt. He performed double-duty with Doyle Electric and Tift General Hospital as the assistant maintenance engineer. Within five years Darrell was asked to assume the role as chief engineer. Darrell joined the Georgia Society for Hospital Engineers in 1965 and held several offices in the society in the early 1970’s. Darrell never missed an annual meeting and always attended each educational session feeling it was his duty to represent his hospital as best he could. Since his retirement after 43 years at Tift Regional hospital on August 8, 2008, Darrell has yet to miss a GASHE annual meeting.
Hello GASHE members,
What a great time we had in San Antonio, Texas at the ASHE Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition. Our chapter once again stood out by winning the Platinum Award, the top award. As your president, I was proud to step up and accept this award on your behalf.

I want to thank all of those who worked tirelessly to gather the needed information and in the time frame required for our chapter to win the Platinum award. What a great accomplishment!

In addition to winning the Platinum Award, Tripp Stephens, GASHE’s President Elect, was awarded with the Region IV Emerging Leader Award. Congratulations to Tripp Stevens for winning this prestigious award.

The 50th Annual ASHE Annual Conference will be held in Atlanta next year (July 21-24, 2013). If you have never been I would encourage you to make plans to go. It will not be this close again.

As promised, our programs are very educational and exciting this year. In September, we have an excellent schedule planned and don’t forget the pig roast on Thursday night. Please go on line to www.gashe.org to register.

Look the website over carefully as we have made some very good and needed changes to it thanks to Amy Daniel. I look forward to seeing you all on September 13 and 14 in McCrae.

Sammy Bledsoe
2012-2013 GASHE President
Please join us for the next GASHE Quarterly Meeting, September 14th, 2012 at the Little Ocmulgee State Park in McRae. Come early and join us for golf, hospitality suite and a pig roast on Thursday, September 13th, if your schedule allows.

HOSPITALITY SUITE/ DINNER
One of the cabins (Little Ocmulgee State Park) will serve as the Hospitality Suite for our September meeting. Please join us on Thursday evening, for the hospitality suite and then dinner immediately following. Please check with the desk at the lodge for the location of the cabin.

SEPTEMBER 13th & 14th, 2012

Thursday, September 13th
1:00 pm - Golf - $37 per person (18 holes and Golf Cart)
6:30 pm - Pig Roast sponsored by Robert Brandvold, Premier Water

Friday, September 14th
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Allison L. Hardy, AIA, NCARB, Senior Associate,
Heery International

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Robert Brandvold, Premier Water - Myths, Misconceptions, Misrepresentations...Who Really Brings More Money to the Bottom Line...Doctors or Engineers (Water, Water Lost and Conservation Options for the Future)

11:30 a.m. to Noon
Chapter Meeting

Noon
Lunch provided by Chapter

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I appreciate the opportunity to represent GASHE at the 49th ASHE Annual Meeting and Technical exhibition in San Antonio, Texas on July 15, 2012. Georgia Society for Healthcare Engineers (GASHE) was very well represented by the current board of directors and members of our great society.

One of the best seminars was conducted on Sunday prior to the ASHE convention. It was called The Leadership Conference and it too was very well attended by GaSHE leadership consisting of Sammy Bledsoe, President, Tripp Stevens, President-elect, Tim Allen, Leann Miller, and Past Presidents, Steve Jordan and myself.

The leadership program features outstanding guest speakers and topics that help build foundations for strong local and state chapters with such information that motivate state/local chapters, helps leaders to be resourceful and to solicit volunteers to become involved (much like we do with our business partners and Task Team we have in place). I found the full day class to be personally and professionally very helpful as we open avenues for future leadership within our organization. Topics discussed were valuable information, such as advantages to incorporate VS, tax-exempt status (like we currently operate) and even the idea to purchase insurance for our chapter.

During the Leadership Luncheon which preceded the Leadership program, GASHE received the platinum award based on 2011 accomplishments! Sammy Bledsoe, President accepted the 2012 Platinum Chapter Award from ASHE President, Jeff Arthurs. As immediate Past-President, I gleamed with pride because of all the hard work and team accomplishments by our membership and leaders - it was a proud day!

I encourage each of you to set a goal to attend next year - ASHE is coming to HOT-Atlanta.

Thank You,
Zack Holt
GASHE Past President

Congratulations to Tripp Stephens!
2012 Recipient of the ASHE Emerging Regional Leader Award

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