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Remembering Bill Murdy

There was a time when one could leave the city of Oxford and return decades later and see little or no change. But beginning about eight years ago former residents and Oxford College alumnus returning for a visit began to say - Wow! Major changes were occurring in the city of Oxford and on the Oxford College campus. Bill Murdy played an important role in that transformation.

After serving Emory University and Oxford College as teacher, manager and leader, Bill was called out of retirement to join a team providing new leadership for the city of Oxford. As the college began a program that would lead to the investment of upwards of \$80,000,000 in construction on the Oxford campus, the city would begin a modernization of its service delivery capabilities.

First came a new city maintenance facility, new equipment and major upgrades in the electrical and water systems. Then came a new city hall providing a modern working environment for employees, and a great gathering place for volunteers, residents and visitors. Bill Murdy was there lending his management and leadership skills.

Bill Murdy cared a great deal about the students of Oxford College and the residents of his community. He worked for a cleaner environment and stood against any who would threaten the quality of life in Oxford. He was a good man and he will be missed by all who love this Blessed Town.

Jerry Roseberry, Mayor, City of Oxford