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Malcolm Grey Edwards pioneered falconry in Georgia. The Gainesville resident was known by many as “The Grandfather of Georgia Falconry.” He helped draft the state’s early regulations for falconry and helped establish falconry licensing requirements in the first 1970s. He was a former director of the North American Falconers’ Association (NAFA). Edwards trained and owned Redtails and Harris Hawks among other birds. He was a board member and past president of the Georgia Falconry Association and worked tirelessly on behalf of the sport. A master falconer for many years, he was a mentor and a leader in the falconry community. Recognizing Mr. Edwards’ expertise and contribution to the sport, Georgia Public Television aired a program on falconry which was dedicated to Mr. Edwards as the “Grandfather of Georgia Falconry.”

Malcolm Grey Edwards was a native of Asheville, N.C., where he earned his bachelor’s degree in wildlife management from North Carolina State University. He supervised game wardens in western North Carolina before joining the U.S. Forest Service. He later relocated to Atlanta and became the forester chief of the service’s southeastern region. A true friend of the earth, he maintained a deep interest in the outdoors his entire life. He was an avid hiker and a birdwatcher in the Southeastern mountains and woods. His passion for the environment was so great that even while undergoing treatment for cancer, he would write articles stating his position and defending issues. His experiences and knowledge on wildlife issues was unrivaled. A decorated World War II veteran, he served in the Army Air Corps as a bombardier and was awarded the Silver Star, the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart.

He was survived by his wife, Betty, daughters Anita Grey Edwards and Janice Lee Edwards.

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Thoughts from Friends

I never knew a kinder soul. I brashly invited myself along on one of his peregrine banding trips. Without ever meeting me, he was gracious and let me assist with everything. During my years as a NAFA officer and Malcolm as Southeast Director, I appreciated his fair attitude and sensible Southern Gentleman’s spirit as he tackled the organization’s issues. He will be missed, and if you did not know him, you missed out.
— M. Alan Jenkins

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At the first state meet I attended, I found myself as one of two women in a totally male fraternity. I did not know a soul. Malcolm showed me around. He showed us his photo albums from the good old days. Just hearing him talk, warmed me to the group. He took us trapping. He was indeed a gentleman. — Melinda

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