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Long-time Volunteer Tutor Hangs up his Hat

Mr. Gene Anderson walked into the White County Adult Learning Center on July 7, 2000, to offer assistance to students with improving their basic education skills. On April 16, 2015, after almost 15 years of doing just that, he walked through the doors for the last time.

“Mr. Gene,” as his students called him, had just retired from an accomplished career as an engineer for Lockheed Aircraft when he began his volunteer effort at the learning center. Initially, he thought his experience in doing analytical work and writing technical reports equipped him for helping students develop their writing and basic computer skills. However, it soon became apparent that math was where his talents could be used best.

He began with one-on-one math tutoring but eventually started leading groups of students through the maze of fractions, word problems, equations, and so forth that eluded many students. He held math class twice a week and, at times, stayed after class to aid students who needed extra help.

“Tuesdays and Thursdays will never be the same without him,” stated Loretta Wade, paraprofessional at the learning center. Those sentiments ring true from everyone who had the pleasure of working with Mr. Gene.

The gift of knowledge that Mr. Anderson bestowed on countless people in this area is immeasurable; with knowledge comes freedom and power. Through his service to others, he greatly contributed to the learning center’s mission of empowering students to finish their secondary education, giving them the freedom to continue their life goals of attending college or starting a rewarding career. His efforts will forever be appreciated, and his legacy will always be remembered.

For more information on the Adult Education program at North Georgia Technical College, visit www.northgatech.edu or call 706-754-7717.