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| **In Loving Memory** It is with deepest sadness that George Writers Museum shares the news of the passing of George William Heiring, on July 20, 2021. George was involved with the museum in its founding days, first as a writer and then later as a leader, serving on the board of directors for five years, and as president from 2017 to 2019. George’s history with the museum could be describes as a series of “firsts”. He was the first author to do a reading and book signing with his book, *Turning Leaves*, He headed the first collaboration for youth programs called “The Imagineers”, working with Lake Oconee Youth Alliance to teach middle school students how to be writers, easily calling on his engaging manner, creative mind, and sincere warmth and passion for young people. He recruited the museum’s first supporters through his association and work with the Greensboro Writers Guild. George was there for the first ribbon cutting ceremony in 2014 and was President at our 2019 grand reopening and ribbon cutting, showcasing the reimagined museum he oversaw during his tenure. It was under his leadership that the museum purchased property on the courthouse square in Eatonton, securing a permanent home and providing for future growth and expansion.Quite happy and busy with retirement, when a career opportunity drew the then- President overseas, it was George who stepped up to take the leadership role, typical for the individual he consistently proved himself to be. George leaves a wonderful legacy not only with Georgia Writers Museum, but also with the community to which he gave so much of his time and talent, with the many individuals he mentored and gave wise counsel, and as a writer where he shared his view of the world and all it has to offer, most recently in his recent work, *When do the Lions Eat,* detailing wonderful adventures with his wife, Donna. May his legacy live long and may he rest in peace. We love you George. The Heiring family has asked those wishing to honor George’s memory to make a donation to the museum in his name. You can do so by clicking here.      |

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