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CLAUDE FLORY OBITUARY

Claude R. Flory Claude R. Flory, Ph. D, 96, a retired English professor, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Daisy Parker Flory. The graveside service will be at 11 p.m. EST Saturday at Roselawn Cemetery in Tallahassee. Bevis Funeral Home (385-2193) is handling arrangements. Dr. Claude R. Flory was a professor emeritus of English at Florida State University and husband of Dr. Daisy Parker Flory, FSU's former Dean of the Faculties and professor of government emerita. A native of Nokesville, Va., He was an English professor at Florida State University for 33 years before retiring in 1978. Shortly after his retirement he earned the status of professor emeritus. Upon his retirement, Dr.

Flory said he hoped he could relax a little and retire fairly quietly and that it had been a good 33 years. Prior to coming to FSU, Dr. Flory taught English at Juniata College in Pennsylvania from 1929 to 1932, was a professor and head of the English department at McPherson College in Kansas from 1935 to 1939 and headed the English department at Washington and Jefferson College in Pennsylvania from 1939 to 1945. He received his doctoral degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1935. His foster parents were Martin G. Brumbaugh, the governor of Pennsylvania, and his wife Flora Parks Brumbaugh. Mrs. Brumbaugh lived with the Florys until she passed away in 1972. While at FSU, Dr. Flory wrote numerous articles and accepted invitations from campus and community groups to lecture on everything from the decline of the humanities in the educational world to Florida's troubled times during Reconstruction. One of his most noted articles brought to light many little known Florida anecdotes of the famous markswomen Annie Oakley. In 1922, Oakley was badly injured on an automobile accident between Daytona Beach and Deland. Naturally, the doctors said she would never shoot again, Flory wrote in the 1966 summer issue of the North Carolina Historical Review. But by late spring, assisted by her crutches and her eternally faithful husband, she went to the Leesburg ball Park. Balancing on her good left leg, she took her favorite rifle and shot down pennies thrown into the air-a dozen- without a miss. Dr. Flory

was described by friends as an avid golfer and tennis player and a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. Other survivors include a half-sister, Mary Bailey of Salem, Ore.; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

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