

**MSU Faculty and Staff:**

It is with a sad heart that we communicate to our University community that one of our retirees, Dr. Larry Albert, a retired professor emeritus of speech communication, died Sunday, Dec. 17, at age 72.

Albert came to MSU in 1986 as an assistant professor of speech. He served as the chair of the Department of Communications from 1990 to 1993 and retired in 2017. He was a proud supporter of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, where his son, Thomas, is a lecturer. An accomplished musician, Larry was a member of the band Rusted Clay and collaborated with local musicians Russ Ward, Harvey Pennington, and the late Leo Blair.

Albert received his bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, his master's degree from the University of Virginia, and his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. He was a member of the Speech Communication Association, the American Society for Training and Development, and vice president of the Kentucky Association of Communication Arts.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Linda; three children, John (Emily), Daniel (Jessica), and Thomas (Amber); a grandson, Oliver; a sister, Mary Jean; and a brother, Edward.

A celebration of life is planned for a later date.

The Michael R. Gray Funeral Home in Morehead is in charge of arrangements.

[View obituary.](#)

Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Jay Morgan  
President