

Obituary for Robert McClusky

Robert McClusky, whose private and government work dealt with helping people and communities around the world, died Aug. 22, 2015, at the age of 81.

McClusky graduated from Oberlin College in 1956 and earned an MPA from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School in 1958.

After Princeton, McClusky worked for CARE (Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere). Starting in 1961, he joined the newly formed Peace Corps, and served as deputy director of the staff in Afghanistan. He also worked on operations in Africa. In 1970, he began working for USAID (the U.S. Agency for International Development).

As an educational-development specialist, McClusky held various positions at USAID until he retired in 2003. Knowing how important community colleges were in the United States, he worked to impart their significance to other countries. He also worked to strengthen workforce development. From 2003 to 2009, he was an independent consultant in Washington, D.C.

McClusky is survived by his wife, Nancy Dixon, whom he married in 1968; daughters Maryanne O'Connor and Lauren Hudson; and four grandchildren.