

Former Georgia State president dies

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ATLANTA - Noah Langdale, the educational leader who led Georgia State University from academic afterthought to powerhouse, has died. He was 87. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Sunday that Langdale died in Atlanta Saturday of cardiac arrest. He is widely credited with transforming Georgia State from a two-building college to a major university. He was its president from 1957 through June 1988, the newspaper reported. "He set a pattern for Georgia State that continues today," said Marie Dodd, who served on the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for 14 years. Dodd was a student at Georgia State when Langdale became president, the newspaper said. "I watched him wrestle that school out of the concrete of downtown Atlanta," she said. When Langdale, a one-time football star at the University of Alabama, was appointed to lead the school, it had 5,200 students, a budget of \$1.9 million, two buildings. When he retired, the university had more than 22,000 students, 20 buildings and a budget of \$118.6 million. Langdale is survived by a son.

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