The campus and community are invited to a celebration of the life of Marilyn Gaddis Rose, who died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, at the age of 85. The celebration of the distinguished service professor of comparative literature and co-director of the Translation Research and Instruction Program (TRIP) will be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12, in the Chamber Hall.

The founding director of TRIP, Gaddis Rose received her bachelor’s degree in English from Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo., and pursued studies of French civilization at the Université de Lyon with the support of a Fulbright scholarship. She received a master’s degree in French from the University of South Carolina, Phi Beta Kappa, and a PhD in French from the University of Missouri.

Gaddis Rose joined the faculty at Binghamton University in 1968, served as chair of comparative literature for two terms, as undergraduate advisor for a dozen years and as director of the Center for Research Translation. She was promoted to distinguished service professor in 1991. Gaddis Rose is recognized nationally and internationally as a pioneer in the field of Translation Studies. Among numerous academic honors, she received the Alexander Gode medal, the most prestigious award of the American Translator’s Association.