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In Memoriam: Robert D. Gaede, FAIA [1920-2008]

Robert C. Gaede, FAIA, was Cleveland's "senior statesman" for historic preservation. Bob dedicated his life to architecture and to the pursuit of creating communities, large and small, where people want to live. He was an Honorary Life Trustee of the Cleveland Restoration Society, and served as Editor of its publication, Façade, for 28 years. Bob was a consummate old-style gentleman with a gift for beautiful words. He saved many endangered landmarks through his engaging prose and kind demeanor, always backed by solid architectural ideas and hand-drawn illustrations. He built a successful practice in architecture, in both new design and in historic rehabilitation. He volunteered extensively over his lifetime for non-profit organizations and under-funded preservation causes.