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## **Larry E. Smith (1941-2014): A note from the guest editors of JELF 4.1**

We learned with great sadness that Larry Smith died last December. Earlier that year we had asked him if we could reprint two of his early papers (Smith 1976, 1983[1981]) in recognition of his pioneering work on international English and as part of our special issue on the topic of „Teaching ELF, BELF and/or Intercultural Communication?“. He immediately agreed to our request and was looking forward to seeing the whole issue on its publication and to reading the other papers in it. Sadly, it was not meant to be.

The research community has lost a visionary scholar and a most generous and supportive colleague. We are deeply saddened by this loss.

Susanne Ehrenreich and Marie-Luise Pitzl

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