



Dr. Ruth Kantzer, PhD

September 2, 1926 - November 1, 2011

Dr. Ruth Marie Kantzer, PhD, age 85 of Dayton, died Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at Memorial in Chattanooga. She was born September 2, 1926 in Ashland, OH to the late Edwin and Clara (Sealer) Kantzer.

Dr. Kantzer received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Ashland College, her Masters in English from the University of Wisconsin and her PhD at the University of Iowa. She was a professor of English Literature and Fine Arts at Cedarville University in Cedarville, OH, Wheaton University in Wheaton, IL and Bryan College in Dayton, TN.

She was member of the Ogden Baptist Church where she was the pianist for 35 years and is survived by her nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Sunday November 13th at 2:00 pm in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Jim Hensley and Rev. Tim Wilkey officiating.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday November 16th at 11:00 am at the Fairview Cemetery in Ashland County, OH.

Please share your memories of Dr. Kantzer on her on-line guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN where they will receive friends Sunday, November 13th after 12:00 noon.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **13**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Service

NOV **13**. 2:00 PM.

Chapel

Tribute Wall



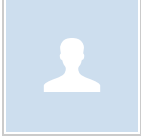
“ Tina, you and Chandi won our hearts on Britains got eltant. Though we were viewing your clips from across the pond in America and could not vote we were quite full of joy that you both made it so far in the show! Thank you so much for your website with all of it's information, I truly enjoyed learning more about your life and your companions. We wish you luck with your future and much happiness!##imported-begin##Trianzil##imported-end##

April 09, 2012 at 06:52 AM



“ As an English major and graduate of Cedarville College in 1964, I had several courses with Dr. Kantzer. She was keen in her analysis of my writing, and unfailingly encouraging. I remember her sweet spirit and her scholarship, and rejoiced as she took advanced degrees, knowing she would use them well. This posting comes 5 months after her death, and I don't know whether it will be read, but two unusual things have happened. Without my knowing of her death, she has been on my mind for several days, and my attention has been drawn to a gingko leaf pin featured in a book catalog I receive. This catalog says, "The gingko is prized throughout the world for its resilience, beauty, and strength." There are teachers we never forget. I will wear this pin in Ruth's memory, giving thanks to God for her life.##imported-begin##Nancy Shimits Moore##imported-end##

March 31, 2012 at 01:49 PM



“ I made Ruth's acquaintance at the age of 17 as a freshman at Cedarville College. She was my Freshman English instructor, and she set a high standard. I am grateful for that experience. Years later, as an employee of Bryan College, I learned that she would be joining the faculty, and eventually we would be neighbors. Ruth loved gardening, just as I do. Just two or three years ago she gave me a beautiful camellia, because she knew how much I liked this shrub. Until this year, it had only produced a token number of blooms. It has bloomed profusely this year, in celebration of Ruth, I am sure. Ruth would be so pleased.##imported-begin##Karin Traylor##imported-end##

November 29, 2011 at 12:55 PM



“ Dr. Kantzer was so full of life, energetic, sensitive, kind and caring that it is hard to imagine she is gone from us. We were to have seen each other again soon. She was my teacher, my counselor and my friend and she is dearly missed. I am still trying to cope with the loss and can only imagine what her family is experiencing. I would like to write to her family if you will provide the address.##imported-begin##Denise Worrell##imported-end##

November 21, 2011 at 10:18 PM



“ Dr. Kantzer was a beloved professor of mine while I was at Bryan from 1995 to 1999. I have many fond memories of classes, outings, and conversations with her.

There is a ginkgo tree outside my home here in Chicago, and I keep thinking of her as I see the leaves falling. She used to pin the bright yellow ginkgo leaves from the trees outside the administration building to her lapel.

Rest in peace, Dr. Kantzer. You are loved and remembered fondly.##imported-begin##Laurie Pierce##imported-end##

November 17, 2011 at 10:25 PM



“ I know we had just met but I saw the most kind spirited person in Dr. Ruth that anyone could possibly know... May you rest in peace. I am looking forward to seeing you again and picking up where we left off...##imported-begin##Tammy Chapman##imported-end##

November 15, 2011 at 06:13 PM



“ I met Ruth and her friend Jean at "We Care" weekend on 10/21-10/23/11. I really enjoyed meeting and talking to her! She shared some of her adventures and talked about her life. We got each other's address, but I hadn't mailed her card yet. So sorry about the loss of this special women. Sure wish I had met her a long time ago. Her family will be in my thoughts and prayers! God bless you! Sincerely, Ann Sullivan##imported-begin##Ann Sullivan##imported-end##

November 15, 2011 at 11:25 AM



“ Although I took her generosity for granted when I was a clueless college student, I do not see it the same way now. I look back with chagrin at my senior thesis purporting to deal with themes from one of Peter Taylor's short stories. As I only later understood, I was so naive at the time that my analysis was just laughable, as she could not have failed to see. But she also surely understood why I didn't get it, and she was absolutely kind to me. I do not now take such kindness for granted, and I have thought of it often over the years.##imported-begin##Sonya Knecht Bice##imported-end##

November 14, 2011 at 10:03 AM



“ Ruth was one of the best neighbors that my family ever had. She was a special lady. She used to have me collect her mail when she went on many of her travels. I also watered plants when she was away. I still have many of the gifts she brought me for helping her out. My favorite was a ladies Scottish kilt that she bought me in Scotland. I wore it for years until it no longer fit. My family shared so much with Ruth. We had dinners together, especially around holidays, sometimes went on little trips together and shared flowers and garden items. Not only was Ruth my neighbor but she was a friend at church. She played the piano there for years. At Bryan she was my teacher. I took Freshman English from her and also Fine Arts. It seemed that when I lived in Dayton Ruth was always a part of my life. I no longer live in Dayton, and have not for some years now, but I can't imagine going there and finding that Ruth is not there. When I used to visit I always saw Ruth. Since my parents are no longer there, I won't visit as much. Still I will occasionally be there, and will miss her friendly smile and enthusiastic energy. (Ruth you were a special person to me.) Connie Winkler Slocum##imported-begin##Tim & Connie Winkler Slocum##imported-end##

November 13, 2011 at 07:08 PM



“ As a former student of hers at Bryan (English, Fine Arts) it is with great admiration that I salute the life of Dr Ruth Kantzer. She was truly free as a thinker and a person. She is a role model for what professors at a university should be like: full of integrity and keeping her students' needs at the forefront. You are now free from this fallen realm to engage us in eternity with God.##imported-begin##Marc Neddo##imported-end##

November 13, 2011 at 10:39 AM



“ We met Ruth as fellow artists. She was passionate about art! She was such a giving person, so willing to share her knowledge with others. We wish she had been in our lives longer. Ruth, dear lady, you will be missed.##imported-begin##Kay Williams and Ron Holyfield##imported-end##

November 12, 2011 at 06:40 PM



“ Dr. Kantzer taught me about things that she loved: literature and most of all, grace. My time at Bryan was enriched by this love. I look forward to spending time with her in heaven.##imported-begin##David A. Barbour##imported-end##

November 12, 2011 at 01:16 PM



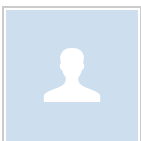
“ As a young child growing up in Ashland, OH in the 1950"s, my cousin Ruth Marie Kantzer, had a great influence on my life. For many years, every Saturday I would take the church bus to the local radio station, where Ruth Marie put on a live program - The Children's Bible Hour. By participating in that program I learned many Bible verses, Bible truths, and memorized the book of the Bible. I even sang a duet with my sister on the radio. I will always remember her smile and kindness to me as a child. In recent years we have reconnected at our family reunions. She was still the wonderful person that I remembered as a child. Ruth Marie Kantzer - a life lived well to honor God.##imported-begin##Marjorie (Brittenbucher) Criss##imported-end##

November 12, 2011 at 10:37 AM



“ Ruth was an excellent teacher and a good friend. She guided me spiritually and academically; she was a sincere Christian woman who I'll miss tremendously. She had a wonderfully dry sense of humor and made literature come to life for all of us. I rejoice that she rests in the arms of Jesus now!##imported-begin##Susan Farner##imported-end##

November 11, 2011 at 09:40 PM



“ My wife and I were both students of Dr. Kantzer at Bryan College, graduating in 1992. In addition I was the worship leader at Ogden Baptist Church for two years and had the pleasure of having the best church pianist around. She will be sorely missed in this life, but we look forward to being reunited with other believers in heaven.##imported-begin##Charles and Lenore Priest##imported-end##

November 11, 2011 at 09:01 PM



“ I am blessed to have had Dr. Kantzer for several English literature courses at Bryan. She was always so joyful and welcoming, both at school and at home. I will always remember her warm smile, her facility at quoting by T.S. Eliot and Edmund Spenser, and her wonderful fine arts classes. I am thankful for that she and Dr. Betty Ann Brynoff were such great role models -- plus, I'm grateful that they introduced me to great female scholarship and Constant Comment tea.##imported-begin##Cheryl Hoffman Little##imported-end##

November 11, 2011 at 07:25 PM



“ I loved her dearly! She opened up a whole new world for me in American Literature, Art, and the study of John Milton. Dr. Kantzer could draw from a variety of disciplines and make connections with her students that we never thought existed. I am blessed to have had her as a professor! I used to think she was part "squirrel" in that she would scurry up her bookcase to find the perfect source for research, or to enhance one's study. And she loved the Lord Jesus with all her heart, an excellent example of what it means to be "stedfast"##imported-begin##Valerie Cannon##imported-end##

November 11, 2011 at 09:48 AM



“ My precious friend Ruth was a passionate lover of God and his people. I always felt she kept her greatest capacities and needs reserved for Jesus. She empowered many people with her insight and Christlikeness. I loved her and knew she love me, too. She cared and she prayed with depth. Dave remembers her invaluable brilliance and artistic breadth that enriched the faculty. She is full of joy unspeakable now ...##imported-begin##David and Barbara Masoner##imported-end##

November 10, 2011 at 11:29 PM



“ Dr. Kantzer was a sweet lady who will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Judy Shetter##imported-end##

November 07, 2011 at 11:20 AM



“ Dr Kantzer was my professor, and my friend. She never failed to have a welcoming smile and a willing heart to help when I faced struggles in the classes I took. I will always appreciate what memories I have of her throughout the five years I was at Bryan as well as in the years following. The Lord blessed us with a precious opportunity to know and love this dear lady.##imported-begin##Conda Oestreich Hysell##imported-end##

November 07, 2011 at 07:22 AM



“ Ruth was a long-time friend of our family and lived in our neighborhood. She loved to teach, her passion for fine arts encouraged me to develop more of my artistic skills.##imported-begin##Susan Cassidy Wilhoit##imported-end##

November 04, 2011 at 11:20 PM