



Theodore Hirschfield

May 25, 2011 - June 15, 2011

Theodore H. Hirschfield, beloved educator and poet, dies at age 70. Theodore H. Hirschfield, beloved husband, father, educator and poet died on Wednesday, June 15th 2011 of cardiac arrest in Lehigh Acres, Fl. He was 70 years old. Theodore (Ted) Hirschfield was born Helmut Hirschfeld, in Prussia, Germany, on May 25th 1941. Born during WWII, under the oppression of the Third Reich, his father, a Baptist minister, was ousted from his pulpit. His family, separated by the Nazis, was not to be reunited until 1946. Five years later, in 1951, after many hardships, the family escaped Eastern Germany and immigrated to the United States. In a youth filled with the pursuit of knowledge and a love of all things literary, Ted received his formal education at Ottawa University, Hollins College and Vanderbilt University. While attending Ottawa University, Ted met the love of his life, Margaret Allen. They were married on January 23, 1963 and shared a 48 year inseparable partnership. Together, they had one daughter, Ann. In 1965, Ted joined the Department of English, at Southeast Missouri State University, where he proved to be an Educator in the purest sense of the word. He was much beloved to his countless students, who would return semester after semester to fill his classes, even when the subject he was teaching was not a required course. During his time at Southeast, Ted also demonstrated his rare gift for making classical poetry and literature relevant to his students. He taught with the passion of a tent-revival preacher, remained true to his convictions, spoke the truth with courage and constantly urged his students to

rise above mediocrity in all areas of their lives. His dedication to the pursuit of a higher self served both to inspire his students as well as remind his peers of their own passion for literature which had lead them to their chosen professions. He will not be forgotten by those who knew him. Ted was proceeded in death by his father, Rev. Herbert Hirschfield; his father-in law, Rev. Thomas Allen; and his grandson, Craig N. Calvin III Survivors include his loving wife, Margaret Hirschfield of Lehigh Acres FL.; his mother, Ann Hirschfeld of Cape Girardeau, MO.; his mother-in-law Helen Allen of Rochester NY.; his loving daughter Ann Calvin and husband Craig and granddaughter Cassondra, of Perryville, MO.; his brother George Hirschfield and wife Mary; his sister-in-law Janice Lahman and husband James; his brother-in-law Thomas Allen and wife Keith; five nieces, Grace Trendel and husband Martin - Winkle Ilic and husband Jovan - Lynn Franklin and husband Ken - Shannon Lotz and husband Jamie - and Andrea Siepman; two nephews, Sean Laham and wife Heather and Rod Allen; as well as one great-nephew Mihajlo Ilic. At Mr. Hirschfield's request, no public service or memorial will be held. The family requests donations be made to local churches, or any favorite charity, in lieu of flowers and cards.

Tribute Wall



“ Knew Ted at proviso east hs as a passionate student of American Indian life and lore.

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