



Kenneth Chisholm Bennett

March 28, 1927 - December 11, 2016

Kenneth Chisholm Bennett, age 89, of Lake Forest died December 11, 2016. Born and raised in Highland Park IL, Kenneth was an English Professor for almost 40 years at Lake Forest College. He published a book on Shakespeare Sonnets. Along with his wife Doris Jean, he loved spending his sabbaticals in London England. He greatly enjoyed his Bridge tournaments where he reached the rank of Life Master. He was an accomplished artist working in pastels and watercolors, and exhibited his work locally. He also was extremely fond of the opera. Kenneth is preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Doris Jean, affectionately referred to as "DJ" (2010), his parents Kenneth & Rowena, and his sister Carol (Joseph) Carnes. He is survived by his son Bruce (Patricia), and his daughter Lise, his grandchildren Elliot (Amanda), Dustin, Annie and Molly, his great grandchildren Stella and Aiden, and his sister Bonnie (John) Korngiebel. Internment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to one of the following: Chicago Botanic Gardens, WFMT Radio Chicago, or The Lyric opera of Chicago.

Comments



“ Ken was an amazing mentor and friend.

He welcomed me to Lake Forest College in 2001, when I began as an assistant professor, and I remember fondly our early morning trips to the Botanic Gardens. Ken always had a kind word, and the time to spend with friends.

He was an inspiration to me and to generations of people connected to Lake Forest College. My thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.

Schneiderman - December 27, 2016 at 01:13 PM



“ Ken was the first English Chair to hire me at Lake Forest College, in January of 1982, From that point and for twenty-four more years, he continued to provide staunch support for all my professional endeavors and became a good friend. He was a gentle man, in so many ways, and I will always remember his many kindnesses to me and so many others. I know he is at peace.... Bernice E. Gallagher

Bernice E. Gallagher - December 21, 2016 at 09:50 PM



“ Twenty years ago, after he had already retired from Lake Forest College, Ken took me under his wing and helped show me—fresh out of graduate school—how to be a professor of English literature. I will always remember the hospitality and friendship he and his wife DJ showed me, and I will always be grateful.

Robert Archambeau - December 21, 2016 at 08:42 PM



“ What a kind man! I only met him once- at the Opera years ago- but I recall he spoke to me, and the others around me, as if we were old friends. I suspect that he had many friends like that- he just seemed to be a very welcoming person. Glad that he now sees his many friends who had passed on before him, and I know that they were there to welcome him as he crossed over. Hugs to his family

Eileen Campbell - December 20, 2016 at 07:43 AM



“ Judy and I remember the many dinners we had at DJ's and Ken's. There was always a warm fire on cold winter nights and good conversations with Franz, Ann, and Rosemary. Ken was always in good spirits being the warm-hearted and optimistic person that he was. We miss him.

Jonathan Galloway

Jonathan Galloway - December 22, 2016 at 03:06 PM