



George Kemper

October 5, 1926 - August 8, 2016

George Kemper, 89, of Houston, passed away Monday, August 8, 2016. He was born October 5, 1926 in Houston, Arkansas, a son of John Joseph Kemper and Minnie Mae Rice Kemper. George was a retired College Professor, earning his bachelor degree from UCA, masters from St. Louis University, and PHD from the University of Southern California. He was a member of Sons of the American Revolution.

He is survived by his niece, Frances Staff and her husband Ramey of Wye Mountain; great nephew, Greg Perry and wife Holly of Harrison; great nieces, Janet Cagle of Paragould, Fancy Harvey and husband Scott of New Hampshire, and Tara Mercado and husband Jose of Marianna, Georgia; eleven great-great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 12, at Houston Assembly of God with Bro. John Chapman officiating. Burial will be at May Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service.

Tribute Wall



“ George Kemper

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ Bonnie I know Georgie is in a better place-but we still miss eating lunch with him at the Center. Take care of yourself and come visit us soon. Ione Minyard Johnson

Ione Johnson - June 29, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ Sorry to hear about George's departure. Knew George from my younger days living in Houston, AR. If George had any pictures of Houston, AR from the old days I would be very interested in scanning them into computer format. You can contact me at the above email address. Again I'm sorry to hear of another Houston native lost. Not many left. George V. Woolf

George V. Woolf - June 29, 2018 at 06:30 PM

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“ I do not think Mr. Kemper had his PhD when he taught my 11 and 12th grade Honors/A English classes back at Lynwood High School in 1978-80. I attended that school, as did both my sisters and brother. My sister, Geri, also had Dr. Kemper for English. If Dr. Kemper had attained his doctorate at that time, he was humble about disclosing it. My own daughter is a fellow Trojan, having just received her Master's in Social Work (MSW) from USC. Dr. Kemper saved my academic career. Somehow, he had a way of forcing students to develop their vocabulary, their writing skills, but more importantly their analytical ability through repetitive exposure to classical literature. I believe that, were it not for Dr. Kemper, I would never have been successful in my academic pursuits. He was one of a very few instructors that left an indelible mark on me, my ability to transcend the presupposed limitations that both the school and other of the, then, academic faculty imposed on, not just me but, many. Several years ago I had sent Dr. Kemper a note and reached out to him on facebook (thank you for facebook!) to applaud his efforts and thank him for his work, particularly as it reflected on my own life. I will never forget trying to look up a particularly difficult slang word that he had applied to characterize me with. Not finding it at that time I soon gave up. Later in life I understood that word and the implications-it was a source of great humor to me. I understood then what a sharp mind we had as our instructor, what a wry and sardonic sense of humor. I honor George Kemper as having been among the most important people to have ever touched my life. Thank you, Tracey Emmerick Takeuchi, MScLynwood High School, Class of 1980

Tracey Emmerick Takeuchi - June 29, 2018 at 06:30 PM

DA

“ *Mr. Kemper, May you rest in peace. I have very fond memories of your English class- God forbid anyone show up late! You instilled confidence in my writing. The skills learned in your class have served me well over the many years since I graduated LHS in 1983. God Bless you and your family. You touched so many lives.*

Doug Anderson - June 29, 2018 at 06:30 PM

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“ *I was a student of Mr. Kemper back in 1980 at Lynwood High. I owe so much to him, for had he not been lenient in his grading I would not have graduated. Even though he was a great friend & mentor, he came down on me hard when I was floundering scholastically.....always out of concern for the welfare of his students, never being mean or judgmental. Mr. Kemper was incredibly funny. He had a nickname for me that my kids laugh about to this day. He was very hip for person of his years.....always culturally aware of the arts. I remember him talking to the class about music & movies that most people his age would not identify with. I love him dearly, & my heart goes out to his family in their loss. Everyone has a favorite teacher, George Kemper was definitely mine. May he rest in peace in the arms of God's infinite love & mercy.*

robert martinez - June 29, 2018 at 06:30 PM

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“ *Sorry to hear about your Loss. He was a great teacher. I had him in 1971 at Lynwood High. He will surely be missed. Shirley Smith Feickert*

shirley feickert - March 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM