



Irvin Caldwell Dunlap Jr.

May 28, 1934 - June 26, 2013

IRVIN C. DUNLAP, JR.

Irvin Caldwell Dunlap Jr. departed peacefully on June 26, 2013. Irvin was born May 28, 1934, in Denver, Colorado to Irvin C. Dunlap and Marie Simmons Dunlap. He grew up in Colorado, New Mexico, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and graduated from Lufkin Senior High School Lufkin, TX in 1952.

While studying English at the University of the South at Sewanee, Irvin joined ROTC. After earning his Bachelor of Arts he served in the United States Air Force from 1956 to 1960 as the Administrative Officer at Rothwestern Air Base in Germany. He later earned a Master of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

In 1960 he moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma where he taught English in the Bartlesville City Schools from August, 1961, to December, 1987 at College High School, Sooner High School, and Bartlesville Middle High School. During his tenure as a teacher he was active in the Bartlesville Education Association (president for two terms), Oklahoma Education Association, National Education Association, and the National Council of Teachers of English.

Irvin was active in local theatrical organizations including the Bartlesville Theater Guild (now Theatre Bartlesville), Ballet Bartlesville, Harlequins, Center Stage, Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra, and Bartlesville Community Concerts. For over twenty years he performed the role of Dr. Drosselmeyer in the Ballet Bartlesville productions of Nutcracker. Over many years he served Theatre Bartlesville as in many technical functions, as well as being an actor, director and on the Board of Directors.

On June 10, 1967 Irvin married Dortha Jeffus, formerly of Arkansas, then residing in Chicago, Illinois. They have one daughter, Catherine Rachel Dunlap, born October 16, 1969, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

In 1987 Irvin Retired from teaching. In May, 1991 he received an award from Allied Arts and Humanities recognizing long and dedicated service and support of the arts. He was awarded a life membership in Bartlesville Theater Guild the next year and continued many activities in the art communities in Bartlesville. From 2000-2011 Irvin Served on the Board of Directors of Bartlesville Community Concert Association as Concert Chairman and was also on the Board of Directors of the Bartlesville Senior Actors Guild.

He is survived by Wife Dortha Dunlap of the home and Daughter Catherine Dunlap Popalisky and son-in-law Matthew Popalisky of Fayetteville, AR.

Services were held Saturday, June 29th, 2013 1:00 PM at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. A memorial fund is established at Theatre Bartlesville and Bartlesville School System English, Speech, and Drama Departments. Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org.

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ Mr. Dunlap was my sophomore English teacher and one of my favorite high school teachers. We studied "Julius Caesar" and Mr. Dunlap spurred my love for Shakespeare. Another fun class subject he taught was Robert Browning's "My Last Duchess". He challenged us to write a letter to a father who might consider his daughter's betrothal to the Duke of Ferrara. I very much enjoyed his class and have fond memories of it.

John Stoops - March 08, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ Irvin Caldwell Dunlap Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Irvin Caldwell Dunlap Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM

MH

“ I enjoyed his class and he is on my list of favorite teachers. He had a good sarcastic sense of humor. He'd put his pinky on his cheek when he was "pontificating" something....He came up with the word "hisser" for a gender neutral possessive, and I remember him rolling his eyes at me, with commentary, regarding my habit of interchanging their/there/they're.....

Michael Hromanik - July 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ His eyes still speak the kindness and compassion he shared in the classroom. Mr. Dunlap was an inspiration to many. The impact he had on his students and community is a remarkable legacy. May all experience comfort and peace amidst their grief.

Stella Shoff - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I last saw Irvin at OK Mozart this year when he came to see the wonderful Wizard of Oz movie concert. Dortha said it was one of his favorites--and I'm so glad he was there for it, only days before his death. I remember when he first came to town as a new teacher...and who could forget all his years as old Drosselmeyer! Our town is going to miss Irvin Dunlap.

Ann Cleary - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Dortha, Cat and Matthew, I am so sorry for your great loss. I have many fond memories of Irvin's performances in Bartlesville. He would always deliver a line with perfect timing and wit - both onstage and off. Sending you my deepest sympathies and lots of love.

Celeste Cleary - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ On behalf of the entire staff at Stumpff Funeral Home, our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

TheStumpff Funeral Home Staff - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM