



## Ilse Lehiste

December 25, 2010

Ilse Lehiste, born on January 31, 1922 in Tallinn, Estonia, passed away at Riverside Methodist Hospital on Saturday, Dec 25, 2010. Ilse left Estonia as a refugee in 1944, fleeing the Soviet invasion of her homeland. She earned her first Ph.D., in philology, from the University of Hamburg in 1948 and a second Ph.D., in linguistics, from the University of Michigan in 1959. In 1963, she joined the linguistics faculty at The Ohio State University, where she enjoyed a long and especially distinguished career. She was the author, co-author or editor of 20 books, approximately 200 articles in professional journals, and over 100 reviews, many appearing in her emeritus years after 1987. The importance of her work was well recognized by a number of professional bodies around the world, including four honorary doctorates, from Essex University, England (1977), the University of Lund, Sweden (1982), Tartu University, Estonia (1989), The Ohio State University (1999), and two Festschriften dedicated to her work. Besides her virtues as a linguist, Ilse's many friends found her inspiring and admirable in a thousand ways. She was a charming hostess, a passionate thinker, and a gracious friend. She will be missed. She was preceded in death by her brother Lembit Lehiste. She is survived by her uncle's grandson, Veiko Vihur. Her cremated remains will be interred in Metsakalmistu, Tallinn, Estonia. Public Visitation will be 4-7 PM on Wednesday 12/29/10 at the Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High St, Worthington, OH. Private funeral service. In lieu of flowers contributions should be made to the Distinguished Linguistics Professorship Fund

(#480427) c/o The Ohio State University Found. Office of University Development 1480 West Lane Avenue, Columbus, OH 43221 or The Estonian American Fund, P.O. Box 7369, Silver Spring, MD 20907-7369 in Ilse's memory. Please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com) to send on-line condolences.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ilse Lehiste*

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“ *There was no name more legend in 1985 and '86, when I was studying Linguistics at Ohio State, than Ilse Lehiste. I write here, though I didn't have the chance to know Ilse, out of my enduring respect for her, as a figure whose dedication and passion for the field were unsurpassed.*

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