



Richard R. Centing

September 16, 1936 - January 23, 2017

Richard R. Centing born on September 16, 1936 in Detroit, MI and died on January 23, 2017 in Columbus, OH. Preceded in death by father, Alexander; and mother, Ellen Rose (Betty); brother, Donald; sister, Shirley Ann; a nephew and a niece. Survived by niece in Surrey, England. Remembered by long-time friends, neighbors, and former Ohio State graduate students. Graduate of Wayne State University with a B.A. English and the University of Michigan. Served two years in the U.S. Army. Member of North Broadway United Methodist Church, and the OSU Faculty Club. Retired from Ohio State University Thompson Library as a Reference Librarian as well as the English, Theater, and Communication (E.T.C.) Librarian. Richard facilitated graduate students' research for their Master's Thesis and Doctoral Dissertations; carried out in-depth research of plays presented by the Theater Dept.; responded to general reference inquiries from faculty, students and the general public. Faculty colleagues describe him as "always doing a terrific job very helpful and effective". His academic publishing accomplishments included producing a newsletter about the French author, Anais Nin, whom he knew personally and brought to Ohio State to give lectures. He championed her writing and promoted appreciation of it internationally. During his tenure at the university, he wrote in the capacity of serial columnist for various scholarly journals and newsletters. Richard served on the Ohioana Library Association Board for more than a decade. As a member of the editorial board, he wrote reviews of Ohio magazines and journals for the Ohiana Quarterly, and he

chaired the editorial excellence award committee and also served on the career and citations committees. Former Ohioana directors expressed their great respect for him and his accomplishments. Contributions in Richard's memory can be made to the Ohioana Library Association, 274 E. 1st Ave., Columbus, OH 43201 or the Ross Heart Hospital, 410 W. 10th Ave., Columbus, OH 43201.

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“ *God Bless and Thank YOU, Richard for your service in The United States Army.... RIP And Semper Fi..... Soldier.*



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