



Rosemary Hite

September 2, 2014

Rosemary Ann Curtin Hite, age 94, died Tuesday September 2, 2014 at Whetstone Care Center, Columbus, OH, after a brief illness. Born May 14, 1920, in Milwaukee, WI, she was raised in Cleveland OH where her interest in music began while playing the bassoon at East High School. Later studied under bassoonists William Polisi, George Goslee, and Sol Schoenbach. From 1943-49 she was invited to play principal bassoon in the Columbus Philharmonic Orchestra by its conductor Izler Solomon. She married clarinetist David L. Hite in 1948. Graduated from Ohio State University in 1951 with a BA in English (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa), later teaching at Capital and Ohio State universities and Columbus State Community College. Also taught many bassoon students. As a writer, began reviewing music in 1950 at the invitation of Sam Wilson of The Columbus Dispatch, also writing for the Ohio State Journal and Columbus Citizen. From 1965-1980 was music critic for the Columbus Citizen-Journal and later wrote occasionally again for the Dispatch until 1990. She continued to play the bassoon freelance in the Hartman Theatre and Kenley Players orchestras as well as in the Columbus Symphony Orchestra Woodwind Quintet. An early supporter of the renovation of German Village, she was also early voice in her columns for the movement to save the Ohio Theatre. Served on the Ohio Arts Council; belonged to The Pen Women writers association; served as Public Relations director, Ohio Department of Energy and the Columbus Museum of Art. Retiring in 1990, she enjoyed traveling and volunteer teaching. Her final years were spent happily at

Whetstone Care Center surrounded by their caring staff. A life-long Catholic, she was a member of Holy Cross, Holy Spirit, St Mary and Sacred Heart parishes. Preceded in death by mother Katherine, siblings Kathleen, Stanley, Janet, and Alice, and ex-husband David. Survived by sons Mark Hite of Columbus OH, and Christopher Hite (Angela) and grandson Benjamin Hite, of Annandale VA. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:00 am, Sat, Sept 13, 2014 at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 1088 Thomas Ln, Columbus, OH 43220. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, 55 E State St, Columbus, OH 43215 or online at www.columbussymphony.com Arrangements are under the care of RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, OH 43085. To send condolences to the family, please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com.

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“ *Rosemary Hite*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Rosemary will be long remembered by wind players in Central Ohio for the strong role she played as principal bassoon of the Columbus Philharmonic. As a result, she was truly a pioneer in the development of symphony activities in Columbus. After she joined the Columbus Citizen-Journal, she continued her generous contributions to the art form of symphonic music as chief music critic for that newspaper. During those years, I recall especially her commitment to the wind section of the Columbus Symphony. Condolences to all members of her family, it was an honor to have known her, and a great pleasure to have been counted as a friend.*

Stephen Secan - September 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Though I did not know Ms. Hite personally, I remember her as music reviewer in the Cols. C-J. I also was a student of Prof. David Hite at Capital Univ. in the 1970s and would see her around campus. My condolences to her family.*

Kathleen Cole - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM