



## Russell T. Hastings

October 28, 2010

Russell Theodore Hastings, age 81, died Thursday, October 28, 2010 at Highbanks Care Center. Retired Professor of Theatre and Scenic Designer. Taught at The Ohio State University and College of William and Mary. Designed sets locally for CatCo, Otterbein University, Opera Columbus and Ballet Met. Member of United Scenic Artists and USITT. Preceded in death by parents, Russell J. and Daisy Marie Hastings; brother, Bobby Hastings; sister, Eileen Duncan McCarthy. Survived by loving wife of 51 years, Johna; devoted daughters, Elizabeth Hastings of Kingsville, TX, Catherine (Jay) Gehres of Plain City, OH, Vanessa (Wyatt) Wilkinson of Littleton, CO; grandchildren, Justin (Rachel) and Bryon Siefert, Adrienne and Ian Gehres, Collin, Austin, Charlie and Abby Wilkinson; brother, James (Betty) Hastings of St. Charles, MO; sister, Donna Marie Nichols of Arkansas; nieces, nephews and friends. Memorial Service 7 PM Monday November 1, 2010 at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington, where the family will be receiving friends from 5 to 7 PM. Special thanks to the caregivers at Odyssey Hospice, Sunrise of Worthington and Highbanks Care Center. Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Association, 3380 Tremont Road, Columbus, OH 43221 in Russell's memory. Please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com) to send on-line condolences.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Russell T. Hastings*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

MF

“ *I remember Russell with a great deal of fondness. He was so gracious to me as one of his beginning design students. I still remember working along Elizabeth, helping Dad crew a show. He was so talented and so generous. I appreciate the times you opened your home to everyone after a show. Please know I send my thought and prayers to the entire family.*

**Maryann Felice** - November 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Having been a graduate student in the OSU Theatre Department when Russell arrived, I know the quantum leap that the program and the productions took at that time. And, having been involved in many productions he designed until the early 80s, I came to appreciate all that his artistry meant to Central Ohio theatre. As important, I knew Russell as a caring, friendly, and, considering his talent and contributions, an amazingly modest man. He will always be in my affectionate memory. Bob Boyer*

**Robert D. Boyer** - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *All of our thoughts and prayers to the Hastings family. God Bless. Danny, Vickie, London and Peyton Conner Littleton, CO*

**The Conner Family** - November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

UT

“ *Abby ~ You and your family are in all of our thoughts and prayers. We Love You. Team United*

**United ~ Abby's Soccer Team** - November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My prayers are with you all. With love, Scott*

**Scott Semerar** - November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Johna and family: so saddened to learn of Russell's passing. He was a brilliant designer, an inspired teacher, and a wonderful colleague. His impact on the world of theatre is enormous, both through his own beautiful work and, perhaps most importantly, on the hundreds of designers he taught/prodded/ and fired up with his own enthusiasm.*

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**Alan Woods** - October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ *I can't tell you all how I wish I could take some of this sadness away. You have always been a second family to me and my friendship with Cathy and the whole family has really impacted my life. I love you all and am thinking of you today and many days to follow. Bindy*

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**Bindy** - October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Dear Johna, I am in FL so will be unable to be there in person, but wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I hope the coming days bring you rest, that I am sure you need, and peace of mind in knowing you did everything you could for Russell throughout his illness. Jane Van Fossen*

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**Jane Van Fossen** - October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM