



Harry Richard Casey

October 3, 1921 - September 21, 2014

Harry Richard Casey, 92 of Longwood, Florida passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2014. Mr. Casey was born October 3, 1921 in Cincinnati, Ohio to John and Lillian Valla Casey.

Tribute Wall

JL

“ I am very sorry to learn of Dick's passing, and especially sorry to learn of it so late. I have wonderful memories of doing shows under Dick's masterful direction at Fort Wayne Civic Theatre in the 1970s and early 80s. I probably learned more from him than I ever learned in a theatre class. Over the years, I've often thought of him and wondered what happened to him. I thought of him yesterday and did a Google search and found this obituary. It was hard to tell from the obituary itself, but judging by other tributes, this had to be the Dick Casey I knew. The last time I saw him was about thirty years ago-- although he didn't see me. I got married in the late 80s and moved to my wife's hometown of Buffalo, NY. I was still looking for a job in my field as a social worker; in the meantime I was working at a Radio Shack in Niagara Falls. One Saturday morning, one of the TVs in the store happened to be tuned to "Superboy." Suddenly, Dick's face appeared on the screen. Of course, this was before IMDb or Google, so there was no way I could look it up to be sure, but I knew it was him. In later years, I found Dick's profile in IMDb, and sure enough, he played "Elder" in a two-part episode of "Superboy." There were several other film and TV credits, but no biographical information; after I found this obituary, I took the liberty of submitting his dates of birth and death. If anyone in the family reads this, I hope that was okay. Also, please accept my belated condolences.

John Logue - March 19, 2021 at 03:24 PM

CH

“ Dick Casey was very important figure in my theatrical life as a teenager - and his wife Madge was an incredible talent. I got to do several shows with him at the Maiden Lane location - each being a very positive experience. The standout for me was his production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" featuring Tom and Deezie Miller. I played Meep. I was 19 and it was my first Anthony Award. Thank you Dick for influencing so many lives. I was honored when your returned to town and came to see a production at Arena that I was in. We talked afterwards and it was a true joy. God bless Dick and his family.

Carol Howell-Wasson - September 25, 2014 at 08:33 AM

 Jen
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“ Dick cast me in my first "big" show -- "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Civic -- in 1997. I was inexperienced and he was... well, kind of mean. But I sure learned a lot and was always grateful I got to work with a legend of Fort Wayne theatre. Now that I'm more experienced, I wish I could go back in time and do it again.

Jen Poiry Prough - September 24, 2014 at 06:17 PM

KV

“ Dick taught me everything I know about theatre. Thank you so much for everything! My prayers are with you Matt and Nora.

Kirby Volz - September 24, 2014 at 10:21 AM

TS

“ My first show at the Civic in 1983 was directed by Dick. I was so glad I already knew him from parties at Half Gunderson's house. I loved watching his creative energy. He was a bit scary during rehearsals, but then we would all go to Hall's and he was such a kind man. Because of him I kept coming back for more. Rest in peace, Dick.

Tom Scribner - September 23, 2014 at 11:21 AM

MY

“ He taught me so much...about acting, about theatre, about life.

Michael Young - September 23, 2014 at 10:05 AM

JC

“ My sympathy to the family of Dick Casey, an intelligent, humorous man who had such an intense love for great theatre, Although some may have thought him not always kind to his actors, I found him to be a incredible director and close friend. I have such fond memories of our time together at the Civic Theatre and at Hall's Gas House. Any success I had as an actor was due to the influence of this man. My thoughts are with you at this time. He will continue to live in all our hearts.

Jim Clauser - September 23, 2014 at 10:02 AM

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“ To the memory of a bigger than life talent and to the family he loved, his talent, humor, passion and love of life will live on in the hearts and memories of those who had the opportunity to share a bit of them with him. His memory will remain eternal. Bog da Prosti- A Macedonian blessing. Rosy Ridenour

Rosy Ridenour - September 23, 2014 at 09:27 AM