



## Jerry Langenkamp

April 15, 2020

Jerry R. Langenkamp was born in Tulsa, OK to Arthur and Blaine Langenkamp of Sand Springs, OK. He died April 15, 2020, in Bartlesville, OK at the age of 88.

A graduate of Sand Springs High School, he earned a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Oklahoma and completed his formal education earning both a Master of Music in Voice and then a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Michigan.

He served in the US Army as 1st Lt. in the Field Artillery. He sang professionally in New York City with the Schola Cantorum, American Opera Society, the Little Orchestra Society, and on national tours and recordings with the Robert Shaw Chorale. As a faculty member at Furman University in Greenville, SC for ten years, he taught voice lessons, conducted Concert Choir, performed recitals and opera productions, and as an oratorio soloist as well.

Jerry joined the faculty at Kansas State University as Head of the Voice Department where he developed the K-State Opera program, including full opera productions. He remained at KSU for twenty-seven years until his retirement. A dedicated church musician, Jerry began singing in the church choir during high school and continued for most of his life singing or working as a choir director.

He is survived by Mary "Kay": his wife of sixty-seven years; son, Robert and (Becca); daughter, Amy Hamilton and husband Kirk; three grandchildren,

Julian (Jon), Tim (Emma, and Michael, and a great-granddaughter Evelyn. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date. He will be interred in Woodland Cemetery in Sand Springs, OK.

Memorial contribution may be sent to the Bartlesville Area Habitat for Humanity at P.O. Box 1284 Bartlesville, OK 74005-1284.

Friends who wish may sign the online guestbook at [www.stumpff.org](http://www.stumpff.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Langenkamp*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Jerry Langenkamp*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Family, I am one of Jerry's less significant voice students from the Class of 1967 at Furman University. While cleaning out old momentos, I came across a letter he had written to me in 1972 in response to a letter I had sent him and I became curious to see if he were still alive. It was such a blessing to find his nice obituary and to see how he continued to delight music students after he left Furman. I sang in his Concert Choir, where he inspired me to become a coffee drinker. I loved singing under his direction and have treasured the experience of singing fine music and the camaraderie of fellow music lovers. Susan Bell Rue (now Biggs).*

Susan Biggs - July 11, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ *Kay,  
You and Jerry have lived in my memory since the early 50s. My friendship with Jerry is one of the highest points of my short time at the U of O. I'm sorry for his passing but happy that he had a rich and successful life.*

*Tom Ryan  
351 Baldwin Ln.  
Shelton, WA*

thomas ryan - May 15, 2020 at 03:36 PM

SB

“ remembering school years on beyond. Sharon Bailey Bolton

Sharon Bailey Bolton - April 28, 2020 at 08:54 AM

TV

“ Jerry was a wonderful friend, singer, musician, vocal coach, director, and a delightful gentleman. He and Kay were a beloved couple. He will live on in the happy memories of all who knew him. Ted Vestal, Tulsa

Theodore Vestal - April 26, 2020 at 10:50 PM

MB

“ Kay and family,  
It was an honor to have known Jerry. He was so supportive of our Pro Musica Tulsae endeavors.  
Condolences, a big hug and much love to you,  
Gary Shaw and Marianne Boshuizen

Marianne Boshuizen - April 26, 2020 at 08:08 PM

BC

“ My memory of Jerry goes back to a Sand Spring Reunion for the 1947 Class. He was a gifted person with his musical talents and a good friend. Always had a smile on his face and he adored his beautiful wife Kay. I feel blessed that I knew him. He will be missed. Betty Cook, Broken Arrow, OK

Betty Cook - April 26, 2020 at 09:11 AM

IM

“ Dear Kay,  
*It's been so sweet to remain in touch with you both over the years. I pray the most difficult days at the end didn't linger long, as my father shared a similar passing. He's with the Lord now, what a blessing to know! Our love and prayers to you and your family. He was a wonderful teacher, mentor and friend!*

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**Ida McManis** - April 21, 2020 at 07:31 PM

AB

“ *I'm sad to hear this news and count myself among the many who were privileged to study voice with him. So many lovely memories. He was coach, mentor and on occasion, surrogate parent. He helped me work high C into my range for my Three Ladies role in Magic Flute. The summer choir's Carmina Burana was crazy and wonderful. Singing in his church choir was a treat. I cleaned house for them for awhile and a couple times he came in while I was working and invited me to join him for coffee. 😊 He was kind, encouraging, compassionate and funny. I will never forget him. 💜 My deepest sympathies to Kay and family.*

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**Andrea Brainard** - April 20, 2020 at 09:42 AM

JF

“ My most prominent memory of Jerry, my second cousin, growing up in Sand Springs, was when I was in the 7th grade and he, a senior. I would see him leaving school, walking home, holding hands with Kay, the prettiest girl in school.

Years later, I'm afraid that we might have imposed on his kindness by requesting that he sing at family weddings and funerals. He was always obliging to grant our wishes.

Then, in the last few years when driving back and forth to Sand Springs from Junction City, we would stop in Bartlesville to visit with Jerry, briefly highlighting the latest happenings in sports, politics and family. As usual, he expressed himself with his sense of humor and sweet disposition and a smile to remember when parting.

A beautiful voice and life well lived.

Love to Jerry's family from Judy Maule Ferguson and family.

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**judy Ferguson** - April 18, 2020 at 09:30 AM

AA

“ Doc was so very special to me.

*I remember one voice lesson I walked in and just put my head down on the piano. I was struggling with some stuff and just basically broke down. I'll never forget he just walked over and put his hand on my back and didn't say anything for a long time. Then we spent the rest of the lesson just talking. I'll never forget that and have always tried to emulate that level of love and care for the students in my career.*

*I am broken by this news.*

*May the great joy he brought into the world help you during this difficult time. He will be missed, but his legacy will live on.*

*- Aaron Austin*

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**Aaron Austin** - April 17, 2020 at 06:51 PM

CD

“ There is not a single doubt in my mind that my life was forever changed during my time as a student at KSU because of Dr. Jerry Langenkamp and his expert and loving guidance. I have so many beautiful and special memories and will cherish each one forever...The smell of his pipe, his sense of humor, his work ethic and passion for music and his ability to always give you his undivided attention every single time you walked into his office are just a few of the memories I will always treasure...I am a better musician, teacher, educator and above all., a better person because of him....my thoughts and prayers are with you all and “Doc” will live in my heart forever!

*All my love,  
Connie Laughridge Donatelli*

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**Connie Donatelli** - April 17, 2020 at 06:27 PM

ZC

“ I took care of Jerry at BHR, he always made me laugh and smile even if I was having a bad day. He always had candy to give away and was such a sweet man. When I found out he passed I dropped and start crying because I was coming up to surprise him the following day. He will be dearly missed by many. Love you Jerry RIP until we meet again.

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**Zenobia Carden** - April 17, 2020 at 05:14 PM

NW

“ Dear Kay,  
I pray that all your wonderful memories will sustain you and your family in the days to come. We will remember all the joy we shared with you.  
Love to all your family.  
Nancy Walker

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**Nancy Longworth Walker** - April 17, 2020 at 03:09 PM

AS

“ Dr. Langenkamp will always be in my family's heart. Lori and I send our sincere condolences to the family. He was a tremendous influence on my early musical life and his patience, humor, and love for the art form guided me into a professional operatic career. Now I teach (and perform still) at the University of Arizona and owe SO much to him. Lori and I met in his studio, truly the beginning of something precious to me! His advice: "Andy, there are two things that kill a career, children and living room furniture. Both make it very difficult to move." :) Said in that wonderful tenor voice.....

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**Andrew Stuckey** - April 17, 2020 at 11:59 AM

AP

“ Dear Kay and family,  
So many of us from Doc's K-State years have been sharing stories of those magical years. We all loved him and I, especially, am grateful to have been his student. He was a gifted teacher and musician and I am forever better because of him. He was a beautiful soul and will be deeply missed. I send you all peace and love.  
Anne Walker Palmer



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**Anne Walker Palmer** - April 17, 2020 at 11:59 AM



Anne,  
Thank you for these wonderful pictures. We miss your daddy too. Concert Choir is where my husband and I met. 😊

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**Amy Hamilton** - April 26, 2020 at 08:07 PM