



## Robert Victor Wess

February 11, 1941 - November 30, 2022

Robert V. Wess, 81, of Corvallis passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at his residence

Arrangements by DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall

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“ Bob was of course utterly brilliant, but even more importantly he was so kind. When I was a new scholar just entering his field, he was invariably encouraging. I remember and try to carry forward that lesson just as much as I do his thoughtful scholarship.  
*Elizabeth Weiser*

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**Elizabeth Weiser** - December 07, 2022 at 02:48 PM

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*Bob's book Kenneth Burke: Rhetoric, Subjectivity, Postmodernism, is likely the best book written to date on Burke. Due to the breadth of Burke's interests and writings, an adequate assessment of his work is challenging to say the least, but Bob's book presents a remarkable commentary, both laudatory and critical, of Burke's major writings. A wonderful achievement that will be highly regarded for a long time. Bob was a good friend to many in the field of communication and rhetoric and played an active role in several conferences on Burke. He will be greatly missed and long remembered.*

*Greg Desilet*

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**Greg Desilet** - March 27, 2023 at 05:19 PM



*Many of us admired Bob's brilliance, and his devotion to up-to-the-minute scholarship (which takes time). He stayed in the game, supported younger faculty, and modeled much that sustains a faculty member's life: wit, incisiveness, constant curiosity. As a former chair of the School of Writing, Literature, and Film, and as a colleague, I remember him fondly and honor his memory.  
*Anita Helle**

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**Anita Helle** - April 09, 2023 at 06:33 PM