



Leon S. Roudiez

June 18, 2004

Leon S. Roudiez died Friday, June 18, 2004 at his residence. He was 86.

A resident of Stevensville, MD, he was Professor Emeritus of French at Columbia University where he taught in the Graduate Faculty until his retirement in 1987. Born in 1917, in Bronxville, NY, he was taken to Germany and to France by his parents after his father, a colonel in the U.S. Army, retired in 1921. He obtained a "baccalaureate" in 1936 and a bachelor of law degree in 1938, both from the University of Paris. After returning home he registered at Columbia University where he earned his M.A. in 1940 and a Ph.D. in 1950. Between those two degrees and after enlisting in the army in December 1940 he served as a non commissioned officer at the headquarters of what was then called the Second Corps Area on Governor's Island, NY. He went to the Signal Corps officer candidate school at Fort Monmouth, NJ, from which he emerged a second lieutenant in 1942. He was sent to Alaska and the Aleutians, then back to the military Intelligence Training Center in Camp Ritchie, MD. Next came England, where he spent the spring of 1944, mainly traveling from one army unit to another, lecturing about what was known as the Baby Blitz, the V-1 rockets and the beginning of the V-2 attacks. He landed on Omaha beach one month after D-day and arrived in Paris a few days after the French capital was liberated at the end of August 1944.

He married Jacqueline Strich in Notre Dame, the cathedral of Paris, on May

7th, 1945, the day the armistice was signed, ending the war in Europe. After returning to the U.S. in September of that year, he taught French Literature at Columbia College and Penn State before joining the Columbia Graduate Faculties in 1959. His publications, many of which introduced or interpreted post-World -War II French writers to an American audience include several books, some sixty articles and brief essays, and over one hundred book reviews; he also translated half a dozen books by Julia Kristeva from French into English.

Surviving him are one son, Francis H. Roudiez of Stevensville MD; a daughter, Genevieve Roudiez of Nantucket, MA; five grandchildren, Sean MacSheehy and Ruth of Nantucket, MA and Nicole, Justin and Christopher Roudiez of Stevensville MD, and one daughter-in-law Cecelia Roudiez of Annapolis MD. His wife, Jacqueline Strich Roudiez predeceased him on April 23, 2004.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A. in Chester MD on Wednesday, June 23, 2004 from 5 to 7 pm.

Interment services will be held on Wednesday, August 25th, 2004 at 3 pm in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington VA.

The family request contributions to be made to the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department's Ambulance Division, P.O. Box 27, Stevensville, MD 21666.

Tribute Wall



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