



Togetherness

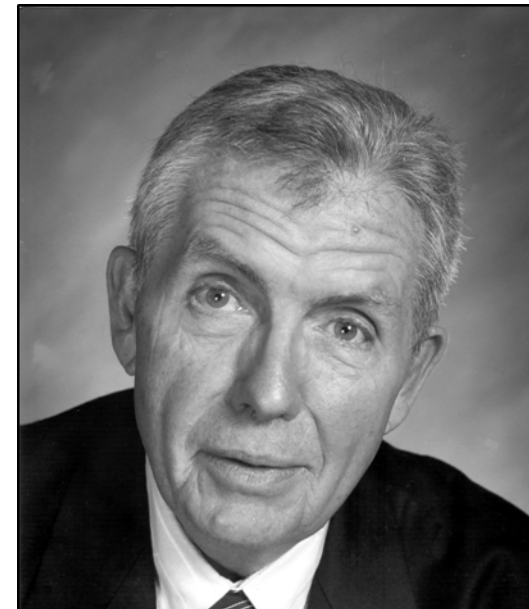
Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you. Whatever we were to each other, we still are. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way you always used. Put no difference into your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me. Pray for me.

Let my name be the household name it always was. Let it be spoken without the shadow of a ghost in it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. What is death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? All is well, nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before.

*Celebrating the Life
of*

John Bruce Johnson

May 26, 1931 - July 27, 2008



*If this were played upon a stage now, I could
condemn it as improbable fiction.*

William Shakespeare

A memorial service in tribute to

John Bruce Johnson

**The Community College of Baltimore County
Essex Campus**

August 30, 2008, 4 p.m.

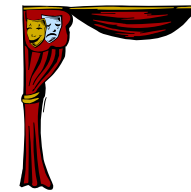
- Introduction.....F. Scott Black
- Faith Reflections..... The Rev. Dr. Judy Powell
- Family Reflections Gary Johnson, Dolores Johnson,
Ellen Moats, friend
- The Teaching Life.....Eric Potter, former student
- A Hutzler’s Mainstay.....Orem Wahl
- Baltimore Playwrights Festival.....Shirley Bell
- Baltimore Theatre AllianceVivienne Shub
- Fells Point Corner TheatreSteve Yeager, Bev Sokol
- CCBC Dr. Sandra Kurtinitis, President
- “Don’t Cry for Me, Argentina”Liz Boyer Hunnicutt
Accompanied by R. Christopher Rose
- Cockpit in Court Summer TheatreHyman Cohen
- Vagabond Players Ann Mainolfi
- ClosingF. Scott Black

Special Thanks for the assistance of Terri Raulie, Brad J. Ranno, Phil Payne and Andrea Klawunder for providing support for today’s event.

Please join us for refreshments in the Lower Lobby while enjoying the memorabilia on display from the life of this remarkable man.

His contributions to the lives of the many young people he taught over a period of 30 years will never be known – except to those individuals. But his contributions to Baltimore theater will long be remembered and appreciated by countless theater lovers. As noted in the *Baltimore Sun* obituary, “He was really the patriarch of community theater in Baltimore.”

This is the time to share your John/Bruce stories with others—to remember, to laugh, to celebrate this life that touched so many and made such a difference.



Contributions in John Bruce Johnson’s memory can be made to:

The Vagabond Players
806 S. Broadway
Baltimore, MD 21231

The John Bruce Johnson Theatre Endowment
c/o Cockpit in Court Summer Theatre
7201 Rossville Blvd
Baltimore MD 21237
(Please make checks payable to CCBC Foundation.)

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