



# Pleshette DeArmitt

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**P**leshette DeArmitt, Ph.D., 47, passed away suddenly on April 12, 2015. She was born on August 5, 1967 in Tarentum, PA to Dolores and Clyde DeArmitt. She was the Chair of the Philosophy Department at the University of Memphis. Pleshette leaves behind her husband of 25 years, Kas Saghafi and her daughter, Seraphine Saghafi. Friends are invited to celebrate her life on Saturday, April 18 with a visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. and a memorial service to follow at 11:30 a.m. at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery. The family requests memorials be sent to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, "Behind the Stone Wall."



## Tribute Wall

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WI

**William** posted:

I didn't know Pleshette but I read her work with great interest and always found it stimulating and inspiring. It helped me a great deal when teaching Rousseau and critical theory to students. Her ideas, ideals, and scholarship will live on. My sincere thoughts and condolences to her family.

May 14 at 9:23 AM

MA

**Michal Amit** posted:

I am very sorry to hear about Pleshette. I just read her wonderful and brilliant book "The Right to Narcissism", which helped me a lot in my own research. During my reading I thought how creative and cool she is for choosing this subject and exploring it through such interesting thinkers. May she rest in peace. Michal Amit, Jerusalem.

November 17 at 4:53 AM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt.

April 17 at 4:43 PM

SF

**Shubbar Family** posted:

When someone you love becomes a memory the memory becomes a treasure .....with love and prayers from Dher and us for you Seraphine

April 17 at 3:38 PM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt.

April 17 at 2:50 PM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt.

April 17 at 6:10 AM



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MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt.

April 17 at 4:57 AM

ME

**Meredith** posted:

Louie and I had the great pleasure of being neighbors to Pleshette and Kas during their first years in Memphis. And as coincidence would have it Pleshette and I ended up being pregnant at the same time. In fact, our deliveries were within days of each other and we had the opportunity to visit each other within the hospital. Neither one of us had family here in Memphis and Pleshette was a great comfort to me in those early months. We checked in with one another, commiserating about the lack of sleep and infants that refused to adhere to a desired schedule as well as trading promising strategies for soothing fussy babies. While we were support to one another during the difficult times we also shared stories of those first magical milestones of infancy. Once the warmer weather arrived, we enjoyed spring time walks with Seraphine and Audrey. We talked about and planned for our return to our respective careers following maternity leave and shared our trepidations around striking a balance between our former careers and our newly appointed positions as mothers. We were two women embarking on a journey with no road map. We had only our instincts and each other as a sounding board. Within a year of Audrey being born Louie and I decided to transition from living downtown to Midtown. We continued however to keep in touch with Pleshette, Kas and Seraphine. We would occasionally run into each other, as one does in Memphis, and Audrey and Seraphine instantly connected as old friends. It was as if those early months they shared together established an unbreakable bond. While my time knowing Pleshette was limited, she has and will continue to be a cherished friend with whom I shared a transitional life experience. I can't imagine what that point in my life would have been like without her friendship and support. She will ever remain in my heart and memory as an incredibly talented, passionate, and compassionate woman. Her deep love of Kas and Seraphine was ever evident as well as her passion and commitment for her work. Memphis has lost an amazing friend, mother, wife, colleague, and leader. We mourn her loss, but remember fondly all the happiness, joy, and love she brought to us all.

April 14 at 6:45 PM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt.

April 16 at 10:42 AM



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MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt.

April 16 at 6:35 AM

CA

**Claire Katz, Dan Conway, Olivia, And Ev** posted:

Claire Katz, Dan Conway, Olivia, and Evie purchased the Organic Sympathy Crate for the family of Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt.

April 15 at 5:11 PM

EW

**Ewa** posted:

Pleshette I cannot imagine our conversations about life, philosophy, motherhood just a couple months ago were the last ones. I will miss you so much, you kindness and your thinking. your friendship. My heart goes out to Kas and Seraphime Love Ewa

April 15 at 5:01 PM

EM

**Emily Zakin And Elaine Miller** posted:

Emily Zakin and Elaine Miller purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt.

April 15 at 4:34 PM

TJ

**The Lawlor Family, Len, Jennifer, Jonath** posted:

The Lawlor Family, Len, Jennifer, Jonathan, and Casey purchased the Gerberas and Palms Spray for the family of Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt.

April 15 at 3:16 PM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt.

April 15 at 3:12 PM



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MK

**Mark William Westmoreland And Brien Kara** posted:

Mark William Westmoreland and Brien Karas purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt.

April 15 at 3:09 PM

DH

**Dana Hollander** posted:

What a terrible loss to our philosophical community. Kas: my heart goes out to you and Seraphine, this is unfathomable.

April 15 at 3:06 PM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt.

April 15 at 2:17 PM

KO

**Kelly Oliver** posted:

Pleshette, I will miss you dearly, beautiful friend. My heart goes out to Kas and Seraphine. And, my thoughts are with you during this time of grief and sadness. Love, Kelly Oliver

April 15 at 1:19 PM

MA

**Mary Amico** posted:

Kas, I have thought of you and Pleshette many times since you left DePaul. I can't express my sadness. I liked her very much and I am sending blessings your way.

April 15 at 11:17 AM



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BV

**Bob Vallier** posted:

i did admire and do remember Pleshette as a hard-working, committed teacher and scholar with a warm personality. a kind disposition, always of good cheer, who earned her success and the appreciation of both her many students and our philosophical community; she was strongly, admirably dedicated to both. Like all death, for those who mourn, it's an incomprehensible loss, but all the more cruel since she was so young and vital. Our community will be much poorer without her as an active and joyful part of it. My heartfelt and deepest condolences to Kasra and Seraphine, whose loss is immeasurable. Bob Vallier

April 15 at 10:30 AM

RF

**Ruthbeth Finerman** posted:

In memory of my friend and colleague Pleshette, I am heartbroken and will miss you more than I can say. It has been a joy and honor knowing you and working with you. I grieve for your family and hope they will find peace and comfort at this tragic time. – Ruthbeth

April 15 at 8:18 AM

DS

**David Scott** posted:

No words. David Scott

April 15 at 7:37 AM

AN

**Angelina** posted:

We are thinking of you sweet Seraphine and sending you all our love. May you know your mom is near whenever you see a beautiful butterfly floating by on a breeze. Temana Kuo & Family

April 15 at 6:47 AM

BS

**Bryan Smyth** posted:

Pleshette always exuded remarkable warmth and intelligence, hers was a truly generous and wonderfully positive presence. Kas and Seraphine, my heart goes out to you absolutely, your loss is unimaginable.

April 15 at 6:44 AM



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MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt.

April 15 at 6:24 AM

AH

**Angela Hunter** posted:

Pleshette, I always admired your brilliance and kindness and warmth, but above all you were an inspiration to me for how to blend academia and family life with joy and verve. My heart goes out to you, Kas and Seraphine.

April 15 at 4:06 AM

CW

**Cathy Wilhelm** posted:

Kas, words are inadequate to express this sadness so I borrow from another, Thomas Bailey Aldrich... "what is lovely never dies, but passes into another loveliness." My fervent prayers and love are with you and Seraphine for comfort, strength and peace. Cathy Wilhelm

April 15 at 3:56 AM

MW

**Mark William Westmoreland** posted:

Kas, brother, I weep with you and wish you nothing but peace in this moment. I will miss Pleshette. She was always very kind and could make me smile. Of the people who I've gotten to know over the years in our profession, Pleshette holds a special place as someone immensely caring. She was a remarkable person. Our world has suffered a great loss. – Mark

April 15 at 3:14 AM

SC

**Sylvia Casarez** posted:

We extend to you and your family our most heartfelt sorrow and condolences.

April 14 at 7:04 PM



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**Catherine Malabou** posted:

Pleshette, I can't believe it, you were so lively, so young, so pretty, so involved in philosophy, so involved in motherhood, an example for us all. Last time we met was in Oregon at SPEP. You chaired this pannel on my work, it was in 2013. It was such a pleasure to meet you there. Pleshette, you were and still are an angel. I a sure you will be welcome as such in heaven. With all my love Catherine

April 14 at 6:45 PM



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