

FORMER PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR DIES

Dr. Elijah N. Jordan, for 28 years head of the Philosophy Department, died on May 18 at his home. He became a member of the Butler faculty in 1913 and retired September 1, 1944.

Dr. Jordan was a member and former president of the American Philosophical Association. He also held membership in the American Association of University Professors, having served as president of the Butler chapter, and in Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic fraternity.

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Dr. Elijah Jordan, Noted Philosophy Writer, Dies

Dr. Elijah Jordan, 79, former head of the Butler University philosophy department, died today in his home, 251 Berkley.

He had won international recognition as an outstanding teacher and author in the field of philosophy. He was considered one of the great philosophers of the present day.

Dr. Jordan was beloved by thousands of Butler University students who remember his classroom antics, his unorthodox methods of teaching and conducting examinations and his solemn advice not to read books he had written because "you wouldn't understand them anyway."

Born at Elberfield, Dr. Jordan attended Oakland City College, and received his A.B. degree at Indiana University, his M.A. degree at Cornell University and his Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago. He also did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin.

In 1944, Dr. Jordan retired after 31 years as head of the department of philosophy at Butler University. Previously he had been assistant in philosophy at Cornell University (1911-12) and instructor there (1912-13).

Widely known for his works

on philosophical subjects, Dr. Jordan was author of "The Life of the Mind," "Forms of Individuality," "Theories of Legislation," "The Aesthetic Object," "The Good Life" and "Essays in Criticism," among others. At the time of his death he was writing a book dealing with the universe and the Einstein theory.

Dr. Jordan was a member and past president of the American Philosophical Association, a member of the American Association of University Professors, having served as president of its Butler Chapter, and a member of Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic fraternity.

He lived with a nephew, Theodore Woelfing, an Indianapolis contractor, at the Berkley Road address. His wife, Mrs. Linny Jordan, died in 1949.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Flanner & Buchanan Mortuary, followed by cremation.

Three brothers, Albert and John Jordan, Spurgeon, and Floud Jordan, professor at the University of Georgia, and three sisters, Mrs. Luella Burdette, Spurgeon, and Mrs. Martha Green and Mrs. Harry Bryant, Oakland City, survive.

Rites Set Today For Elijah Jordan, Former Professor

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Dr. Jordan is well remembered by his students who recall his solemn advice of not to read books he had written because "you wouldn't understand them anyway."

Widely known for his many works on philosophical subjects, he retired in 1944 after 31 years as head of the department of philosophy. He studied philosophy at Indiana university and Cornell where he received his M.A., and received his Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago.

Past president of the American Philosophical association, president of the Butler chapter of the American Association of University Professors, he was also a member of Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic fraternity.

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