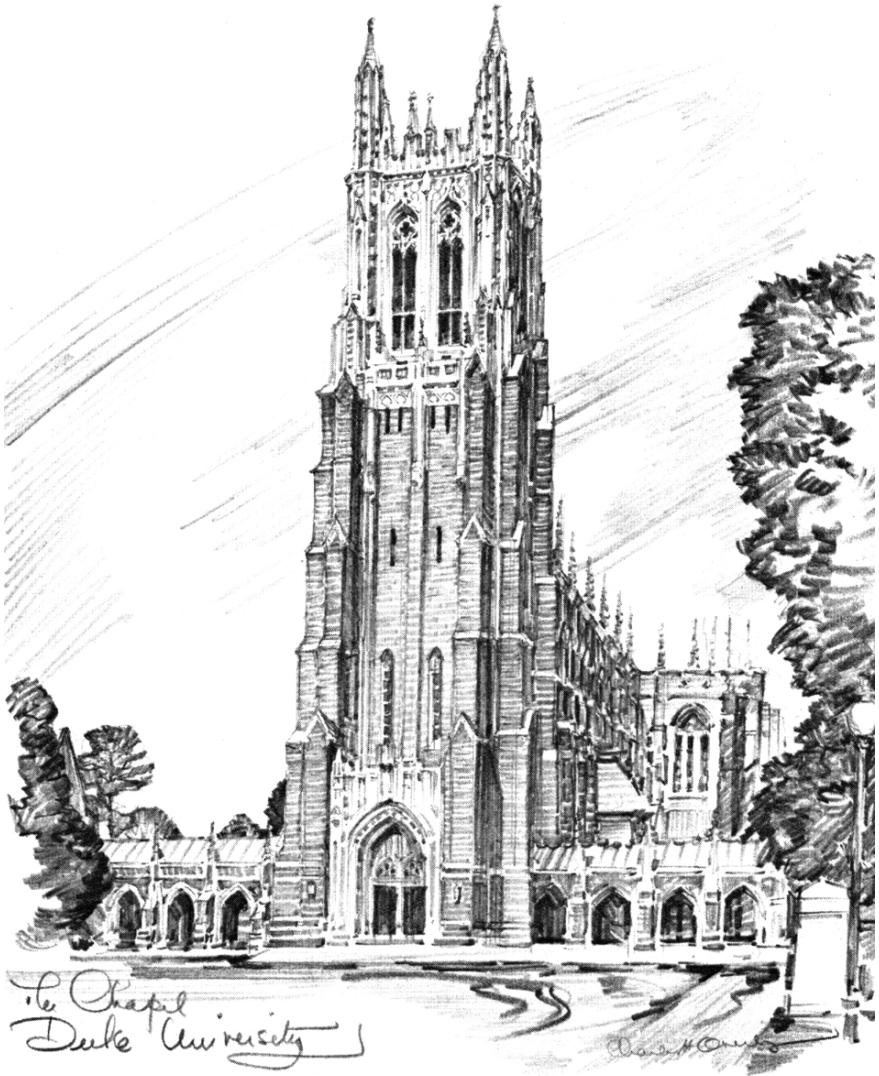


SERVICE OF DEATH AND RESURRECTION
MARY DUKE BIDDLE TRENT SEMANS
February 21, 1920 - January 25, 2012



DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012 ♦ 2:00 P.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CARILLON MUSIC

ORGAN PRELUDE

Before Thy Throne I Now Appear
All Glory Be to God on High

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

O World, I Must Leave Thee
Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

“Swing Low” (from *A Spiritual Pair*)
“The peace may be exchanged.” (from *Rubrics*)

Dan Locklair
(b. 1949)

Choral, op. 37, no. 4

Joseph Jongen
(1873-1953)

Hymn Medley

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 117 (*all sing*)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 2:25-38 (*NT page 55 in the pew Bible*)

REFLECTION

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Lento (from Quartet in A Flat, Op. 105)

The Ciompi Quartet
Antonín Dvořák
(1841-1904)

REMEMBRANCES

Dr. Richard H. Brodhead
President, Duke University

The Honorable James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor of North Carolina (1977–1985 and 1993–2001)

The Honorable William “Bill” Bell
Mayor of Durham

MUSICAL SELECTION

Separate The Right From The Wrong
Go Tell It On The Mountain

Durham Carolers

REMEMBRANCES

Professor Joel L. Fleishman
*Professor of Law & Public Policy; Faculty Chair
Center for Strategic Philanthropy & Civil Society*

Thomas S. Kenan, III
*Trustee, The Duke Endowment
Honorary Trustee, University of North Carolina School of the Arts*

MUSICAL SELECTION

The Impossible Dream (from *Man of La Mancha*)

Mitch Leigh
(b. 1928)

arr. Greg Walter, School of Drama
University of North Carolina School of the Arts

Eli Williams, baritone
Sydney Shepherd, dulcimer
Max Stampa-Brown, guitar
Thomas Rowell, mandolin

PRAYERS

The Rev. Dr. Dennis M. Campbell
*Trustee, The Duke Endowment
Headmaster, Woodberry Forest School
Former Dean, Duke Divinity School*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM (*choir only*)

Beautiful River

Robert Lowry
(1826-1899)
arr. John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

*Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

On the bosom of the river, where the savior king we own,
We shall meet and sorrow never, 'neath the glory of the throne.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Amen.

*COMMENDATION

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN (*all sing*)

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy Word,
Who walked on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our family shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect us wheresoever we go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

***CHORAL BLESSING** (*choir only*)

God Be in My Head

Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fantasy in G

J. S. Bach

CARILLON MUSIC

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells <i>Dean of the Chapel</i>
Conductor	Dr. Rodney Wynkoop <i>Director of Chapel Music and Director of University Choral Music</i>
Organists	Dr. Robert Parkins <i>University Organist</i> Dr. David Arcus <i>Chapel Organist and Associate University Organist</i> Mr. Shayne Doty <i>Graduate, University of North Carolina School of the Arts Trinity '83, Mary Duke Biddle Scholar</i>
Carillonneur	Mr. J. Samuel Hammond <i>University Carillonneur</i>
Durham Carolers	Tony Alston; Richard Butler; Nathaniel McLaughin Sr. Nathaniel McLaughin Jr.; Kedrin Mims; Erwin Worthy
Duke and Durham Choir Participants	Members of the Duke Chapel Choir The Duke Chorale The Duke Vespers Ensemble The Choral Society of Durham
Pallbearers	C. Russell Bryan; Dr. Claude S. Burton; Michael Hubbard The Honorable James P. Jones; Dr. Gordon M. Kimbrell Dr. John L. Kirkland; Dr. Frank Neelon; Brad A. Schnurr Gary Wein; Douglas C. Zinn
Honorary Pallbearers	Arthur J. Ballard; The Honorable Dan Blue Erskine Bowles; Dr. Ralph Coonrad; Thomas L. Drew Dr. Victor Dzau; Dr. William C. Friday; Dr. Allan Friedman Dr. Henry Friedman; Dr. William Fulkerson; Coach Mike Krzyzewski Dr. Peter Kussin; Chancellor John Mauceri; John G. Mebane, Jr. Dr. Chris O'Connor; John J. Piva, Jr.; Charlie Rose; Courtney Ryon Dr. Robert Ward; Dr. Pelham Wilder, Jr.
Ushers	Alma Blackwelder; Terry Chambliss; The Honorable Lyons Gray Reginald Hanes; Kathy Harrison; Harold Tharrington Sterly Wilder; Dr. Richard White
Special Friends	Joe Alston; Mamie Brock; Oscar Dantzler; Anthony Edwards; Danny Gilbert; Paul Glover; Paul Holmes Russell House; David Lindquist; Charles Matthews; David Miller Jake Phelps; Paul Pipkin; Janice Pryor; Bill Ralston; K.W. Roberts Larry Russell; Barry Shuler; Donnie Spell; Gary Spell

The music is being led by members of the Duke Chapel Choir, the Duke Chorale, the Duke Vespers Ensemble, and the Choral Society of Durham.

We are grateful for the participation of the Duke Carolers and the students who have traveled from Winston-Salem to represent the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

The flowers for the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mary Semans by the Board of Trustees and Administration of Duke University, the Medical Center and the Duke University Health System, and Duke Chapel. The spray covering the casket is given in loving memory of Mrs. Semans by The Duke Endowment.

*Funeral arrangements are being handled by
Howerton-Bryan Funeral Home.*

A private family interment service is planned for Tuesday.

The family of Mrs. Semans will receive friends at a reception in the Bryan Center, Von Canon Hall, immediately following the service.

The family is delighted that you are here. In addition, should you wish to make a memorial donation, the following are among the causes closest to Mary's heart:

- The Semans Art Fund
c/o University of N.C. School of the Arts
1533 S. Main St., Winston-Salem, NC 27127
- The Duke Medicine Heart Center
512 S. Mangum St., Suite 400, Durham, NC 27701
- The Duke Medicine Pulmonary Division Fund (address above)
- The Duke Dermatology Wound Management Fund (address above)
- Duke University, Josiah Charles Trent Memorial Foundation Endowment
Box 90600, Durham, NC 27708
- Frank Neelon Fund for Literature in Medicine
c/o Triangle Community Foundation, 324 Blackwell St, Suite 1220
Durham, N.C. 27701



MARY DUKE BIDDLE TRENT SEMANS

Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans, the scion of the family that founded Duke University, died on Wednesday, January 25. She was 91.

Although small in physical stature, Semans was a towering figure in progressive causes throughout her life, championing education, human rights and the arts.

“Mary Semans occupied a unique place in the life of this university,” said Duke University President Richard H. Brodhead. “She was our principal link to Duke’s founding generation and continued her family’s tradition of benevolence throughout her life. She supported every good thing at this university, and she was a powerful force for good in Durham and the Carolinas. Above all, she had a generosity toward others and belief in human possibility that made every encounter an inspiring event. Duke mourns the passing of one of its greatest friends.”

Semans’ connections to Duke University were deep and varied, ranging from art history student in the 1930s to serving on the Board of Trustees from 1961-1981.

She also spent decades as a trustee, vice chair and chair of The Duke Endowment, a private foundation founded by her great uncle James B. Duke when he gave the monies that transformed Trinity College to Duke University. The Duke Endowment supports higher education, health care, children’s welfare and spiritual life in North and South Carolina.

Semans' love for Duke University was matched by her commitment to her adopted hometown of Durham. The great-granddaughter of industrialist-philanthropist Washington Duke, for whom Duke University is named, Semans served as mayor pro tem of Durham from 1953-1955. She was a trustee of Lincoln Community Hospital from 1948 to 1976, a facility the Duke family started in 1901 to serve the needs of black patients in Durham.

"My feeling is that we are all here for each other," Semans told Duke Magazine in 1987. "I take very seriously this business of treating your neighbor as yourself, trying to be your brother's keeper. They're solid maxims for life. You've got to be interested in what besets other people, what their needs are."

Durham Mayor William V. "Bill" Bell said Semans "was responsible for making Durham a community that is admired throughout the state, nation and world. Many have said that when they met Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans, they felt an immediate connection, as though they knew her," Bell said. "It was obvious that throughout her life, she felt that same connection to Durham. She knew our community, and had an undying devotion to it, to the benefit of everyone who calls our great city home. We are grateful for her leadership over the years on many civic and academic boards, and for her contributions to health care, to civil rights and to the arts. Those, along with numerous other contributions, will be her legacy for generations to come. Truly, Mrs. Semans represented the heart, the goodness, of Durham."

Semans was born Mary Duke Biddle on Feb. 21, 1920, the daughter of Mary Lillian Duke and Anthony J. Drexel Biddle Jr., who was U.S. Ambassador to Poland when Hitler invaded that country in 1939 and later U.S. Ambassador to Spain. She was raised in Manhattan, where her awareness of the world was shaped by trips to museums, the theater and mornings spent listening to political news on the radio with her father. She also learned about problems faced by ethnic and racial minorities in the city, which would influence her work against social injustices later in life, according to the Duke Magazine article.

At age 14, Semans moved to Durham to live with her grandmother, Sarah P. Duke, for whom the gardens at Duke are named.

Semans enrolled at Duke University when she was 15 and graduated in 1939.

While at the university she met Josiah Charles Trent, a medical student at Duke and later a surgeon and chief of Duke Hospital's division of thoracic surgery. The couple married in 1938 and had four children. They developed a passion for rare books, including books about the history of medicine and many by and about Walt Whitman. Their Whitman collection is housed at Duke Libraries' Trent Room. Ten years later, Dr. Trent died of lymphoma at age 34.

In 1953, she married Dr. James Husted Semans, a surgeon and associate professor of urology at Duke who pioneered rehabilitative and urinary surgery. The couple had three children and dedicated much of their time and resources to philanthropy and the arts. Dr. and Mrs. Semans helped start the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem (now the University of North Carolina School of the Arts) in the 1960s, and he chaired the school's board of trustees for its first 17 years. Dr. and Mrs. Semans established the school's International Music Program in 1967. They regularly travelled across the world to support performances by School of the Arts students. Dr. Semans died in 2005 at age 94.

As with medicine and social justice, Semans believed the arts could improve people's lives, a belief she shared with her mother. "I don't think my interest in the arts is any more overriding than my interest in human rights," she told Duke Magazine. "I think it all goes together."

The 10,000-square-foot atrium at Duke's Nasher Museum of Art is named the Mary D.B.T. Semans Great Hall. And the 100 year-old Roney Fountain, the centerpiece of the Sarah P. Duke Gardens' rose garden, was restored and moved from East Campus in 2011 as a bequest in Semans' honor from the late Dr. J. Robert Teabeaut II (T '45, M.D. '47).

Semans also supported the university and Duke Medicine through the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation (begun by and named after her mother), the Josiah Charles Trent Memorial Foundation, the Josiah Charles Trent Collection of the History of Medicine, and the Mary Duke Biddle Scholarship, among other efforts, according to the Duke Medical Center Archives.

Semans received numerous awards, including the University Medal for Distinguished Meritorious Service, which is Duke's highest honor; the National Brotherhood Award presented by the National Conference of Christians and Jews; the University Award from the University of North Carolina; and the John Tyler Caldwell Award for the Humanities, awarded by the North Carolina Humanities Council.

She received honorary degrees from universities and colleges including Davidson College where she served as a trustee, North Carolina Central, Elon University, Campbell University, UNC-Chapel Hill, Pfeiffer University and N.C. Wesleyan.

In 2009, she was inducted into the North Carolina Women's Hall of Fame.

Dr. Victor J. Dzau, Chancellor for Health Affairs and CEO for Duke University Health System, said Semans "has truly been the heart and soul of Duke Medicine. Her passion and personal involvement in the everyday life of Duke Medicine has been a source of inspiration to everyone. She spoke often of the importance of humanity in the practice of medicine and effectively modeled her conviction through personal actions and by sharing her unwavering support and encouragement to Duke physicians and health care providers. She was a very special friend to me, the faculty and employees across Duke Medicine. She will be greatly missed."

Semans is survived by seven children: Mary Duke Trent Jones of Abingdon, VA; Sarah Elizabeth Trent Harris of Charlotte, NC; Dr. Rebecca Grey Trent Kirkland of Houston, TX; Barbara Biddle Trent Kimbrell of Sullivan's Island, SC; Jenny Lillian Semans Koortbojian of Durham, NC; James Duke Biddle Trent Semans of Chapel Hill, NC; and Beth Gotham Semans Hubbard of Los Angeles, CA; 16 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Thoughts on Mary D. B. T. Semans

Mary Semans understood and represented the true heart and soul of Duke's Medical Center from its very inception. She was the conscience and embodiment of the indenture that envisioned and created Duke's medical establishment and thus helped to guide its development and fulfill its grand vision. During my term as Chancellor for Health Affairs, I constantly sought and cherished her wisdom, advice, and friendship. I was blessed with these as well as her enduring support. One of my greatest treasures is the blessing to have traveled a good part of life's pathway with Mary Semans as a dear friend and colleague.

—*Dr. Ralph Snyderman*

Mary has been the heart and soul of Duke Medicine for many, many years and was a tremendous source of encouragement to faculty and staff throughout the institution. Her personal involvement in the everyday life of Duke Medicine has been a source of inspiration to everyone. She was a very special friend to Ruth and me and we will greatly miss her.

—*Dr. Victor Dzau*

Mary Semans' life was a wonderful gift to us all. She left a tremendous legacy in showing us how to invest our lives in building the human community, No matter where she was, she was building bridges, connecting folks who were strangers, and inviting all of us to be her friend.

—*The Rev. Joseph S. Harvard*

Certainly, I loved Mary and I know she loved me. She was the ultimate giver who never took anything from anyone. She gave to Duke, to her community, and to mankind. Whenever I was with Mary, I always felt her presence and energy before even seeing her. And when I did see her – it was as if a bomb of enthusiasm went off. She would make me feel like the most important person alive. She did that for everyone. She's Duke. Mary will always serve as an example of what Duke is and what it can be forever.

—*Mike Krzyzewski*

Mary Semans was one gracious, caring spirit that gave North Carolina its character and dignity.

—*Dr. William C. Friday*

Mary Semans will be absolutely irreplaceable in the life of the Duke community. She had a warmth and human touch about her that very few people can match. As long as there is a Duke University, there will be a bright, shiny memory of her.

—*Dr. Robert Durden*

We are indeed fortunate that Mary chose this community as her home. She was a blessing to this community, this State and especially this University. We shall never be the same without her.

—*Dr. Pelham Wilder, Jr.*

I loved Mary Semans, really loved her. She always, always made me feel special, just like she did everyone else she came in contact with. This was true whether you were the carpenter working on her house or the Governor of North Carolina. She cared deeply about people and she used her enormous talents, drive, and resources to make their lives fuller and better. I've never known anyone else who could get more done. I loved being her friend.

—*Erskine Bowles*