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Dr. Delbert Rose
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Wilmore, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Rose:

I am writing to you concerning an In Memoriam Membership for my husband, Dr. Clarence H. Zahniser, in the Wesleyan Theological Society of which he had been a member for a number of years.

You may not have heard, but Clarence went to be with his Lord on December 7th, just a short time after returning from the Wesleyan Theological Society meeting in Bethany, Oklahoma. He had sustained a heart attack in May from which he never recovered. He was not able to be in Bethany for that meeting, but his desire to go over-rode our better judgment in the matter. He went down hill very rapidly after that trip that one cannot but doubt the wisdom of his going. He wrote to a friend that on taking off by plane, during the ascent to seven miles up, that the thought came to him, "Some day, it will be like this only I'll keep going higher and higher." How prophetic those words seem now!

My suggestion for a memorial membership may be something new, but money has been given for memorial purposes and I think that it would be very fitting to use some of it for a permanent membership in the society which he considered important enough to attend within a matter of days before his death. I know how important he felt a proper interpretation of Scripture is in maintaining a church fit for the Master's use.

May I have a reply from you suggesting the amount of money which you would consider right or fitting for such a continued member after death?

Sincerely,

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P.S. Please tell Curry and Marion Mavis of Clarence's home-going. I am sure they have not heard or they would have written to me.