

Armgard von Bardeleben

Dancer and Dance Educator

*March 2, 1940 to January 22, 2012

Armgard von Bardeleben passed away at her home in Manhattan on January 22. Armgard was the daughter of Albrecht von Bardeleben, a mining engineer, and the former Paula von Scholl. She was educated from 1959 to 1963 at the Folkwang Hochschule fuer Musik, Tanz und Schauspiel, in Essen-Werden, Germany, and was then awarded a German government scholarship to study for two years at the Martha Graham School in New York.

In her performing career, she was a soloist with the Martha Graham Dance Company and performed with other modern dance companies in Europe, the United States, and Brazil. As a dance educator, she was Professor of Modern Dance at the University of New York at Purchase from 1983 to 1998; and Professor of Modern Dance at the Musikhochschule Koeln from 1998 to 2005. She taught at the Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance from 1973 until shortly before her death and was the Director of Graham School from 1980 to 1983. She was also for many years a guest teacher for workshops and summer dance courses at schools in the United States, Austria, Brazil, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain, Singapore and Switzerland. In her long teaching career, she was a mentor to hundreds of students from around the world. Many of them went on to have important careers in the performing arts and kept in lifelong contact with their former teacher.

Armgard was the cherished wife of Gilbert Tauber and a loving stepmother to his children. She was the dear sister of Hilmar and Fritz-Erwin von Bardeleben and Almuth Gernholt, who survived her, as well as of Ingeborg and Ekebrecht von Bardeleben, who predeceased her, and a beloved aunt to their children and grandchildren. Her family as well as a wide circle of friends, colleagues and former students on five continents will sorely miss her.

Her Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 in Bittenwieser Hall at the 92nd Street Y, located at 1395 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10128

