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SERVICE SET FOR DR. JANICE GORDON-KELTER

HOUSTON (Jan. 19,2006) -- A memorial service to remember Dr. Janice Gordon-Kelter, dean of the Master in Liberal Arts Program at the University of St. Thomas, will begin at 3 p.m., Friday, Feb. 3, in the Chapel of St. Basil, 3802 Yoakum Blvd.

Dr. Gordon-Kelter, also an assistant history professor, died of cardiac arrest on Jan. 6, while vacationing in Paris with her husband, Dr. Irving Kelter, associate professor and chair of history at UST. She was born on May 16, 1946, in Chicago to Marvin and Phyllis Gordon. She earned a bachelor's degree with honors in history at Roosevelt University and her Ph.D. in medieval history from City University of New York in 1988. She joined University of St. Thomas in 1991 and held a number of positions before becoming director of the MLA program in 1997 and dean in 2001. She was a beloved teacher and a published author in the fields of medieval history and women's studies.

Survivors include her husband; father; a sister, Susan Gordon Baum; a brother, Lawrence Gordon; an aunt, Leona Weil; and numerous dear friends in Houston, Chicago and New York.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dr. Janice Gordon-Kelter Memorial Scholarship to benefit the adult, non-traditional students whose cause she championed, at Institutional Advancement c/o of Donald Lewis, Box 88, University of St. Thomas, 3800 Montrose Blvd., Houston 77006.

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