

Crysta Casey papers, 1976-2008

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Casey, Crysta
Title	Crysta Casey papers
Dates	1976-2008 (inclusive) 1976 2008
Quantity	5 cubic ft (5 boxes)
Collection Number	5831
Summary	Materials relating to Casey's life as a poet, including poems, correspondence, manuscripts, journals and notebooks.
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	Open to all users.
Additional Reference Guides	
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Crysta Esther Casey was born on May 27, 1952 in Pasadena, CA to parents Buford Abner Casey and Vera Esther Casey. She lived and worked as a poet in the Bay Area, at Stony Brook University in New York, and finally in Seattle, where she lived from the 1980s until her death in 2008. Prior to moving to Seattle, Casey served in the Marines before being honorably discharged on September 12, 1980. Her years as a Marine were extremely difficult. She appeared to have suffered a mental breakdown, was incarcerated, referred to herself as a resident poet, and was eventually diagnosed with schizophrenia.

Even with schizophrenia, Casey maintained a writerly lifestyle and developed friendships in a variety of communities, including the VA, Women of Wheel, her apartment building, and, most of all, Seattle's literary community. She developed friendships and professional contacts with Bellowing Ark, Richard Hugo House, Floating Bridge Press, Red Sky, Open Books: A Poem Emporium, and the It's About Time Writer's Reading Series (1990-present), where she helped to maintain a vibrant newsletter. Casey developed relationships wherever she went. Casey died of cancer on June 24, 2008.

Content Description

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Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

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Acquisition Info: Esther Altshul Helfgott, Ph.D., 8/11/2014.

Container(s)	Description
Box/ Folder	Accession
1	5831-001 Manuscripts, correspondence, poems, acceptances, rejections, readings
2	5831-001 Poems and correspondence
3	5831-001 Poems, journals, notebooks, diaries
4	5831-001 Notebooks, diaries, letter to Dr. Nemuth
5	5831-001 Poems

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