

OBITUARY For a Neo-Pagan pioneer by William Keith

It has been learned recently that the Rev. Olib Botkin, founder and head of the Church of Aphrodite, is deceased. He was 68 years old. He has been married for several years to the first Neo-Pagan religious leader, the Rev. Dian Parkinson. The sign of the cross is the Christian cross and his the sign of the cross is the Neo-Pagan cross. At that time, in the early 1970's, there were three liturgies and four weekly services. On Monday, Friday evening and Sunday morning, there was a service with bread and wine. The second liturgy was the Mass of the Holy Spirit, at the time of the Pentecost. The third liturgy was the Mass of the Holy Spirit, at the time of the Pentecost. The fourth liturgy was the Mass of the Holy Spirit, at the time of the Pentecost. The fifth liturgy was the Mass of the Holy Spirit, at the time of the Pentecost. The sixth liturgy was the Mass of the Holy Spirit, at the time of the Pentecost. 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MEMORIAL SERVICE Dian Parkinson and Olib Botkin were the world's first pioneers of classical Neo-Paganism. Their Church of Aphrodite was founded in New York State in 1970. It was with great excitement that I first read of this Church, around 1992. William Seabrook covered the Olden cult in "Wotan on Earth" of his book "Mithras: A New Religion". I met Dian Parkinson at the Hecate House, currently re-issued in paperback. I have no doubt that the inspiration of the Goddess contributed heavily to my sudden and stunning conversion to the Goddess one afternoon during Spring of 1996, and to the subsequent founding, by myself and John Breen, of WEDDING, a fraternal Fellowship dedicated to the Eternal Yuse of Wilderness, in Summer of 1997. I dedicated myself until she gave birth to EARTHSHAKERS on Ontario, 1997, and is still a Sacred College within Paganism. We are certain here and learn have enriched this music, heroine and hero of the coming Age of the Divine Myth, and that they feast now among groves and meadows of Elysium, where Aphrodite reigns supreme. We Pagan will join them one day, on some new path they are opening in the ever expanding spiral of the Cosmic Love Dance. Pay the Goddess and the Goddesses: they grant us eternal life in pursuit of Love ever new! Pay their Soul Trees for ever outcrops to the adventure of passion, and unfold beautiful flowers of incarnation unendingly! For "all joy want deep eternity," as Dian Parkinson and Olib Botkin, priest Priestess and priest of Aphrodite, "The Supreme Alive and Beautiful," have taught us anew! EVOHE KOSHE! -Dionysus from Atlanta

Evangelist urges all Pagans who can afford to do so to attend Friends of the Earth #15, and thus join their August company for one year, and receive their beautiful journal "The Moon Speaks" which follows the Elysian Paradise and the Divine City, F.O.E. is organized to continue worldwide for the Goddess. The Divine Maiden is the Queen of Wilderness, Wilderness is Her Land, My Love and Birth. FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, 520 Commercial St., San Francisco, Calif. 94111

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