



Freya Jaffke
* Mai 2, 1937 † June 1, 2021

On June 1, Freya Jaffke passed away in the early morning hours.

Many of us will remember her – from training courses, conferences and Waldorf Kindergarten Association events. She was active from 1960 to 1990 in the Waldorf Kindergarten at the Freie Georgenschule in Reutlingen. From 1971 she taught at and was a co-founder of the Waldorf Kindergarten Training Seminar in Stuttgart. There, while still responsible for the children in her care, she accompanied the first group of students through to the completion of their studies and then returned full-time to her beloved kindergarten practice. Through her work in the training courses she became painfully aware of the lack of professional literature and based on this experience she began to write. The publisher Verlag Freies Geistesleben lists 16 of her little books, which have been translated into many languages, and even in 2021 she herself continued to revise new editions of them with care.

In 1990 she was exempted from her kindergarten activity so she could travel throughout the world to give courses on Waldorf early childhood education.

She spent her twilight years at the Nikolaus-Cusanus-Haus in Stuttgart and enriched the community there with her marionette plays.

Freya Jaffke was a regular participant in the Offering Service at the Seminar. Until her death she spent Wednesday evenings at the Anthroposophical Society in Stuttgart. Wide awake she followed and reflected on the lectures. The last lecture she attended, on May 19, 2021, on "The Tasks of Anthroposophy in a Special Time Situation," also occupied her deeply.

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