Chapel Service Honors Tillich’s Life And Works

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The widow and daughter of the late Dr. Paul Tillich will attend a special memorial service for the noted theologian in the Rice Chapel on Thursday, May 5.

The service will begin at 8 pm.

Mrs. Paul Tillich and Mrs. T. Farris accepted invitations extended by the University soon after the announcements for the service were made.

Driver Speaks

According to Chapel Librarian Mrs. Maymee Meeks, a program of special music and a series of lectures will com—

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(Continued from Page 1) Pose the Chapel service to honor Dr. Tillich.

Dr. Tom Driver of the Union Theological Seminary will speak on the lasting significance of Paul Tillich’s ideas in the history of Christian thought.

Memorial Statement
As well as being a contributor to such magazines as Motive and The New Republic, Dr. Driver is a drama critic for the Christian Century.

Dr. Driver was selected to write the memorial statement for Christianity and Crisis after Dr. Tillich’s death.

Tillich and Arts
Following Dr. Driver’s lecture, Dr. W. Paul Jones, Professor of Religion and Culture at St. Paul’s Methodist Seminary, will speak on the relation of Paul Tillich to the arts.

Dr. Jones, formerly of Princeton University, is the author of ‘The Recovery of Life’s Meaning—Understanding Creativity and the Incarnation.’ He has also contributed to such journals as Motive and The Student World.

Bedford Singers
Music for the occasion is being arranged directly with Mrs. Tillich. The Bedford Singers, directed by Rice’s Dr. Wayne Bedford, will sing two pieces by Brahms. Mr. Roland Pomerat, Chapel Organist and Carillonneur, will coordinate a prelude on harpsichord and the Chapel organ and bells from 7:45 to 8:15 on the evening of the service.

Dr. Tillich maintained a very special relationship with Rice following his visit to the campus in 1961 for Religious Emphasis Week. At that time he said he was deeply impressed by Rice students and the Rice campus as a whole and expressed the desire to return at a later date.

Scheduled for Chapel
Dr. Tillich had been scheduled to lecture at Rice last spring, but was forced to cancel because of poor health. The Rice Chapel Series arranged another date for the theologian in the fall of the present academic year. That, too, was cancelled, and Dr. Tillich died but a few days before he was to visit Rice for the second time.

At his death, Dr. Tillich was a professor at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Dr. Tillich had also been University Professor at Harvard and Professor of Religion at the Union Theological Seminary.

Nazi Persecution
Because of persecution by the Nazis, Dr. Tillich left Germany in 1933. He had been professor at such leading universities as Tubingen, Berlin, and Frankfort-am-Main.

Dr. Tillich is best remembered for such books as ‘Dynamics of Faith,’ ‘The Courage To Be,’ and ‘The Shaking of the Foundations.’