

Janine Rubeiz



Al-Raida pays tribute to Ms. Janine Rubeiz who passed away on August 2, 1992. Ms. Rubeiz, a refined and active woman worked for the cause of women for many years. The first and last time I saw her was in January at a panel discussion by Dr. Nawal Saadawi. Ms. Rubeiz voiced a certain disappointment in the trifle debates that continue to plague empowerment and development of women in society. She reported that she had worked for the women's cause for years, but had been disappointed in what little progress and cooperation was made. Indeed, Ms. Rubeiz's contributions were numerous and sophisticated.

She was known as an active woman promoting art, literature, poetry, theater, painting and sculpture exhibits, intellectual discussions and debates working with a group of leading women in a association known as "Dar al-Fan wa Al-Adab" "The House of Art and Literature". The group has been inactive for the years of the war of Lebanon.

Yet the name of Janine Rubeiz is synonymously associated with the group and the long list of its memorable and outstanding activities. The quality of art in all of its visual and its literary forms achieved by Janine Rubeiz and her colleagues is cause for reminiscence of the golden age of art,

literature, theater, intellectual awareness that prevailed in Lebanon.

The friends of Janine Rubeiz are saddened by the loss of this outstanding member of society and asset to the world of literature and art and to the women's cause •