

SÜLEYMAN KAZMAZ

Süleyman Kazmaz is a Turkish poet whose pen is in the service of Turkish people. His first poem was published in Rize City Journal under the pen name of "Suleyman" on August 6, 1931. Young Suleyman was then just a student in Rize Secondary School with number 197. Getting access into the world of Turkish poetry at such an early age, Kazmaz has continued his precious studies permanently in the field of Turkish Folk Culture for decades. He has written 36 books, hundreds of articles, surveys and compiled works. His main aim is to display Turkish art, culture, beauties and national virtues to the other peoples of the world.

Kazmaz and his studies are invaluable treasures both for Rize and Turkiye as well. Among his works are "Rize Halk Şairleri" (1976), "Rize Halk Şairleri ve Halk Kültürü" (1992), "Rize Yemekleri ve Yemek Kültürü" (1992), "Çayeli Halk Şairleri" (1993), "Çayeli Geçmiş Günler ve Halk Kültürü" (1994), "Beyazsu -Bir Köy Araştırması" (1994), "Milli Mücadelede İpsiz Recep ve Rizeli Gönüllüler" (1996), "Kestane Karası – Hikayeler" (1998), "Rize- Çayeli Halk Kültürü Araştırmaları I" (1998), "Rize- Çayeli Halk Kültürü Araştırmaları II" (2001), "Rize-Çayeli Halk Kültürü Araştırmaları III" (2003) and "Kazmaz Ailesinden Hatıralar" (2004)