



Alberta Lynne Rylance

November 1, 1955 - January 22, 2025

Alberta Lynne Rylance, age 69, of Columbus, Ohio passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, in Newark, Ohio.

Alberta was born on November 1, 1955 to Roger Eugene Turner and Caroline Alberta Turner in Columbus, Ohio. She married Mark Oliver Rylance on July 15, 1995 on the Kenyon College campus in Gambier, Ohio, after nine years of cohabitation and two years of friendship.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Oliver Rylance, and her mother, Caroline Alberta Turner. She is also survived by her cousins Caroline "Sue" (Murle) Retherford and Herbert (Margie) Morrow. She was preceded in death by her father, Roger Eugene Turner, and by her brother, Roger Eugene Turner, Jr., who passed away on April 17, 2024.

Alberta graduated from North High School in 1973. She graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration from Franklin University in 1987, after ten years of night classes. Alberta worked at School Employees Retirement System (SERS) for over 31 years, retiring as their General Accountant. She was a systems analyst during the transition from a Unix mainframe to modern accounting software. After retiring from SERS, Alberta worked for 15 years as the Accounts Receivable Clerk at Radio One, the owner of several Columbus radio stations, including Power 107.5, Magic 95.5 and Joy 106.3. After the pandemic, Alberta worked from home for Senture as a customer service agent. For three and a half years, she helped clients of several state unemployment agencies, plus the New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Alberta was a member of King Avenue Church since 2011. She had a deep faith in Jesus from an early age. Alberta was a delightful, cheerful person who loved people (especially children) and animals. She loved to laugh, which led to her husband Mark's pet name for her, "Bubbles." Alberta was extremely responsible and took great care of her husband, mother and brother. She was very conscientious and generous in whatever work she did. Alberta was a good listener and had great wisdom, empathy and fair-mindedness. She was a relentless and courageous fighter throughout her life, but never so much as in her last ten months, as she bravely fought to recover from a stroke suffered during elective heart surgery.

Alberta was a huge cat lover and had pet cats for most of her life. For a while, she owned

parakeets and tended bluebird boxes at Sharon Woods Metro Park. She was a longtime member of the Columbus Zoo and The Wilds. Alberta was a lifelong movie fan and regularly attended local theaters, including Gateway Film Center, Drexel Theater, Grandview Theater and the Wexner Center Film/Video Theater. She attended the Cleveland International Film Festival for over twenty years and the Columbus Jewish Film Festival for more than ten years.

Alberta was a patron of Shadowbox Live for over 32 years, especially of their smaller performance spaces 2Co's, Backstage Bistro and Up Front. She also enjoyed local comedy at Kafe Kerouac and elsewhere. Alberta was a music fan, especially of the country, Americana, folk, rock and pop genres. She attended Six String Concerts productions for many years, and traveled to five neighboring states to see music shows. Alberta was a season ticket holder for the Columbus Blue Jackets for 15 years, and for the Columbus Crew for 26 years. For many years she was in a Friday night league at Mr. Bill's Bowling Lanes. Recently, she occasionally played in a pinball league at Level One. Alberta loved the Ohio State Fair, especially the horse competitions. She loved TV, TikTok and Candy Crush Saga.

Alberta enjoyed traveling around the country, including several trips each to Northern California, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Chicago, Maine, Vermont, the Adirondacks, New York City, Washington, D.C., Alabama and Florida. Since the pandemic she made over eighty day trips to the Hocking Hills.

Alberta will be missed by so many, but most of all by her family, whom she loved dearly and who dearly loved her.

Alberta's memorial service is at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 1, at King Avenue Church in Columbus.

Following the service, placement of the urns for both Alberta and her brother Roger will be at Wesley Chapel Cemetery Expansion (Remembrance Plaza).

Contributions in Alberta's memory may go to King Avenue Church, Colony Cats Adoption Center or Heifer International.

We want to thank the staff at Flint Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation in Newark, Select Specialty Hospital – Columbus Victorian Village and OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital, especially Alberta's heart surgeon, Dr. Jefferson M. Lyons. Thank you also to Pastor Karen Muntzing at King Avenue Church.

To leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Wesley Chapel Cemetery

3225 Dublin Road
Hilliard, OH 43026
(614) 876-2236

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

King Avenue United Methodist Church
299 King Avenue
Columbus, OH 43201

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mark and Caroline.
I knew Alberta when she worked at SERS. We spent some good times inside and outside of the office. I heard many great things about both of you although we never had the opportunity to meet. Alberta and I lost touch for a long while. Although I did resume contact with her briefly, we never got a chance to get together and reconnect. She was a good person and I was honored for calling her my friend. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. She will always be in the hearts of the people who loved her. She will never be lost or forgotten.*



Toni Murraya - February 28, 2025 at 08:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alberta Lynne Rylance.*



February 27, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alberta Lynne Rylance.*

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“ *Caroline and Mark. I am so sorry to hear of Alberta's passing and her brother. We met years ago thru Caroline and Bunco friends. My sympathy to you both.*

Connie Feder - February 25, 2025 at 06:53 PM

SJ

“ *Mark and Caroline, we are so sorry to hear about Alberta.
She graduated with my husband Eddie and we saw and talked with her at their 50th reunion.
Caroline was a longtime friend of Eddie's mother, Lois Jones and her sisters. I first met Alberta when she would occasionally fill in as a Bunco card player when needed. We wish you peace and comfort through these most difficult days.
Sandy and Eddie Jones*

Sandy Jones - February 25, 2025 at 06:25 PM

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“ Alberta, you are amazing, you made my life better and I know that you made my brother Mark, one happy guy!
Your laughter and love of life are missed by many!
Big hugs,
Love,
Ross



Ross Rylance - February 24, 2025 at 04:38 PM

GS

“ Such a sad loss for us all. A great person, fun to be with and wonderful to talk with. She will be missed.
Greg and Janien Severance and family.

greg Severance - February 22, 2025 at 11:10 PM

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“ Alberta aka Birdie to us cousins Always enjoyed our times with her especially on Thanksgiving and Christmas was a special time. She will be missed but know she is no longer in pain or discomfort. Love Murle and Sue Retherford & Retherford family

Sue Retherford - February 22, 2025 at 07:24 PM

DD

A kind, generous and beautiful soul. I enjoyed our times together at the Blue Jackets games or just having a night out on the town. I will miss you dearly my friend. Rest in peace. Debbie Daniels ❤️

Deborah Daniels - February 23, 2025 at 06:51 AM