



Madelyn Marguerite Bory-Ackers

February 22, 1995 - February 1, 2025

Madelyn Marguerite Bory-Ackers was born in Columbus, Ohio on February 22, 1995, with a heart defect, Hypoplastic Left Ventricle. In the years that followed, there was a cascade of new complications brought on by that underlying condition. She adjusted and fought them all with incredible courage and resilience because she was a warrior.

In the end she did not lose her battle... she won thirty years of life.

Her battle ended peacefully on February 1st, 2025, at the home she shared with her parents, Greg and Anna Ackers, at 6891 Home Road.

Madelyn was unafraid, adventurous, and determined to do everything. She embraced every opportunity with an unyielding desire to experience the world.

She was a writer, painter, wood burner, crocheter, stitcher, crafter, a collector, and a foodie.

Her voice was a beautiful alto soprano, with perfect pitch, and a wide range.

Her constant companions were her dogs, Tino and Harvey, who insisted on accompanying her on her travels. She also found comfort in her rabbits, snakes, lizards, and fish.

She held out her fingers and butterflies, bees and hoverflies would land there, and the bees didn't sting. In spite of her short term memory loss, she had endless facts and impressive knowledge about all kinds of animals. At the reptile shows she regularly attended, they affectionately called her 'the sweet girl'.

Madelyn had many diverse interests, from books and movies to taxidermy and antiques.

She loved to travel, she went far and wide.

Grandpa Ackers' farm in Illinois, visiting with relatives, family reunions and driving ATVs.

Lion King on Broadway, Falling Water in Pennsylvania. Fishing at Virginia Beach, searching for shark teeth, swimming with barracudas and a sea turtle in Florida. Hunting fossils, Yooperlites and Petoski stones in Michigan. Amtrak to the redwoods and up the coast to the sequoias. Hand fed buffalos in a neighbor's field, rode an electric bull at the fair.

Montana, Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore, Devils Tower.

Virginia to California, Las Vegas to Washington DC, New York City's Carnegie Hall to Key West.

Rodney Atkins, Mothman museum, Deer/Turkey shows, Avril Lavigne, New Day, Andrea Bocelli.

She was in touch with her emotions, and sometimes cried at movies. We would say, are you sapping? And the answer was a tearful "No!" or "maybe,"

or “I don’t know what you’re talking about.”

She was smart, insightful, tender, sentimental and witty.

Perhaps her greatest accomplishment was that, in the face of the most difficult of circumstances, she remained an unwavering model of strength, grace and kindness. She most loved giving people gifts, never realizing that she WAS the gift. Everything she did was a gift to everyone she knew.

Madelyn leaves the family she loved. Devoted parents, Greg and Anna.

Her dear brother Grant, his wonderful wife Laurissa. She took special delight in their children, Archer, Anderson, and August, and cousin Isaac and wife Kari’s beloved children, LindenJoy and Ezra. She cherished Grandmother Marge Ackers and her extended family. Many great aunts, uncles, cousins, including the Ackers, Norvells, Billingsleys. Her oldest friends, Ariel Boggs and Tori Bargar. So many other relatives and her dear friends, who loved and were loved by Madelyn.

Madelyn’s birthday and celebration of her life will start at 1:00 pm Saturday, February 22, 2025, at the party house at 6772 Home Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015. Attendees are asked to wear something purple, and may bring a dish to share.

Donations can be made to:

Shriners Hospitals

The American Heart Association

St Jude Children’s Research Hospital

Delaware Humane Society

Tunnel to Towers

Wounded Warrior Project

Covenant House

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

FEB **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Party House
6772 Home Road
Delaware, OH 43015