



## Marilee Lowery-Bush

November 4, 1926 - August 13, 2019

Marilee Taylor Lowery-Bush, age 92, passed away on August 13, 2019. Born Nov. 4, 1926 in Kansas City MO, she was most recently a resident of Brookdale Muirfield in Dublin OH, having moved there after being a longtime resident of Worthington, OH. Preceded in death by first husband Frank Lowery Sr. (widowed 1987), second husband Hobart Bush, parents Ralph and Pearl Taylor, brothers Jim, Walter, Jack and Ralph, Jr.

She is survived by sons Frank Lowery, Jr. (Dr. Deborah Stahl Lowery), Ralph Lowery (Marcia), grandchildren Rachael Smith (Art), Ryan Lowery (Jessica), Sarah Lowery (Chris Beasley), Megan Singer (Armando), Christopher Stahl and great-grandchildren Arthur and Evelyn Smith, Logan and Alexandra Lowery and Gram Beasley. Marilee was also blessed to have many beloved nieces and nephews as well as many thoughtful friends who lovingly kept in close contact with her.

A graduate of Columbus North HS, she went on to receive both her BS Ed. and MS Ed. from The Ohio State University having an illustrious career as an educator in the Columbus Public Schools. She was the ultimate mentor and champion for students with special needs, challenges and disabilities.

Marilee embraced community service and mentorship and she participated in numerous organizations including Leadership Columbus, the Worthington Circle of Grandparents Program, and the Harding Hospital Reading Volunteers. She was a founding member of the Alpha Delta Kappa sorority (Ohio Lambda Chapter), a society of women educators. With their support she

was able to enthusiastically attend meetings until age 91 and then continued to enjoy their frequent visits and cards.

With her first husband Frank Sr., a Worthington HS social studies teacher and travel guide, Marilee traveled (and shopped!) extensively world-wide and loved to recall all the exotic places she had seen. Later in life, she pursued a second career in real estate. Throughout her life she was a dedicated follower of fashion and style.

Marilee was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Worthington. A lifelong learner, at age 88 she completed a vigorous three-year weekly study course obtaining a Certificate in Theological Education from The University of the South School of Theology. Always interested in religious diversity, she was additionally active in Xenos Christian Fellowship where she was blessed to be part of a wonderful home church, and also enjoyed attending services and classes at Congregation Beth Tikvah.

Visitation will be held at 10:00 am on August 23, 2019 at St. John's Episcopal Church 700 High St. Worthington, OH 43085. A funeral service will follow at the church at 11:00 am. with the Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Applegate officiating. Inurnment to follow immediately at St. John's Columbarium. Afterwards, all are invited to a reception to be held at the church. Arrangements by Rutherford Funeral Home, Worthington, OH. The family expresses their gratitude to the staff at Brookdale Muirfield and Brookdale Hospice. In lieu of flowers, donations can be considered for Brookdale Hospice or the ADK Lambda Chapter Scholarship fund.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Episcopal Church Cemetery

700 High Street  
Worthington, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
700 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085

## Memorial Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Marilee Lowery-Bush*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I found this while searching her name, and it saddens me to hear of this news. Marilee was a huge influence in my life as a child and young adult, and I wish I had known her longer. There are so many things about myself that came from her, and her brilliant light. I would not be the same person if not for her. She believed in me, and inspired me so. She has been in my heart all of these years still and there she will remain. I hope the best for all of those who have loved her. I remember thinking she was my grandmother for many years. What a beautiful, sweet soul.*

Sarah Keener - April 08, 2021 at 08:09 AM



“ *Marilee was teaching at the Neil Ave. school with the orthopedically handicapped students when I joined the staff. The program then moved to the Colerain building. She truly loved the students. I remember her loving smile and the times we were invited to her house for parties.*

*God's peace,  
Jane Ahrens*

Jane Ahrens - August 20, 2019 at 11:10 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Frank Lowery - August 19, 2019 at 04:15 PM

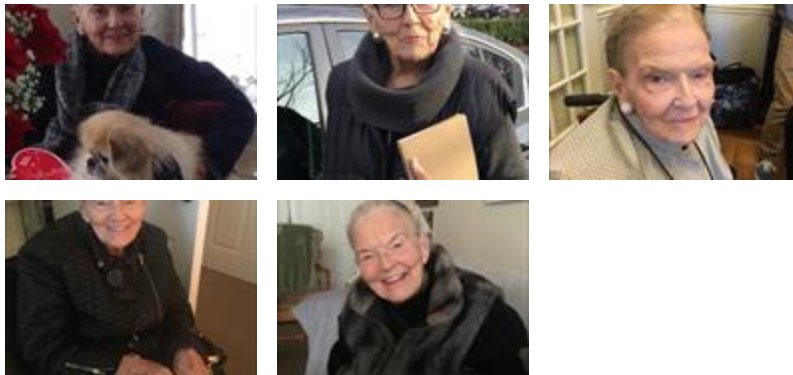
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“ I remember talking to your mom at church, although that was a while ago, she was incredibly interesting and bubbly! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Barb and Eddie

Barb rogers - August 18, 2019 at 11:29 AM

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“ 19 files added to the album Marilee Lowery



Frank Lowery - August 16, 2019 at 03:14 PM

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Marilee was an amazing person, engaging, full of energy and joy; I have very fond memories from knowing her from when I was a child; I decided to search her when I found an Aesop's Fables book she had inscribed to me as a gift from her sons when I turned seven. She has had a wonderful, long life!

Lucyann Kerry - April 21, 2023 at 03:04 AM