



Mary Craig Powell

June 3, 1940 - January 20, 2019

Mary Craig Powell, age 78, of Columbus, passed away January 20th, 2019. Preceded in death by her parents Braxton and Frances Daughtridg, sister Peggy Daughtridg and husbands Carl Ingling and Claud Powell. Survived by her husband Jim MacCallum, son John Powell and his wife Wendy, son Robert Powell, and granddaughter Rebecca Powell. She received her baccalaureate degree Magna Cum Laude from East Carolina University and her Master of Music in Piano Performance from Wichita State University. After teaching at Campbell College in North Carolina, Erskine College in South Carolina, and Augustana College in Illinois, she taught students privately in Athens, Ohio for eleven years. After moving to Columbus, Ohio she taught students and teachers in the Suzuki method at the Community Music School and Conservatory of Music at Capital University. During this time, her recognition as a Suzuki piano teacher grew to international proportions with invitations to teach children and teachers in Central and South America, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Bermuda, Italy, Singapore, Malaysia and Japan. She received the "Excellence in Teaching" award and the "Excellence in Suzuki Teacher Education" award from the Suzuki Association of America as well as the Distinguished Alumni Award from East Carolina University. She wrote a book entitled Focus on Suzuki Piano and was Piano Editor for Suzuki World Magazine. She adored cooking for her family and loved her poodles, bichon and "Fred the Frog". We will miss her beautiful smile, quick laugh and generous spirit. A memorial service will be held in her honor at the United

Methodist Church, 825 E. Olentangy St., Powell, Ohio on Saturday, February 2nd at 10:30 am. For those who wish to donate, a memorial scholarship fund has been set up in her name with the Suzuki Association of the Americas <https://suzukiassociation.org/mary-craig-powell> with funds being directed for pianists. To send an online condolence, please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Craig Powell*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I studied piano with Mrs. Powell from the age of 5 to 14, participated in numerous workshops, recitals, and competitions, but my fondest memories are my early studio lessons at Capitol University. I'd prepare the carpet squares on the piano bench, select the correct level on the wooden foot stool, and place my hands on my lap. My mom and Mrs. Powell (with her lovely Carolina lilt) would discuss notes from our previous lesson as I looked around and admired the ever-growing frog collection. Fred the Frog was clearly the best, observing from the music stand on the piano with his two little legs in the air. Mrs. Powell would then set the metronome, as I'd round my hands onto the keys and begin my scales and arpeggios.*

Mrs. Powell was patient, stern but encouraging and always cheerful with a joyful laugh and big smile. I will forever be grateful for the musical foundation she created in my life and know her legacy will continue through her students, friends and family.

Anna Riego Muniz - February 04, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ *Mrs. Powell was an incredible piano teacher. I began lessons with her at Capitol University when I was 3 and continued on to graduate from the Suzuki books. I currently teach piano, although not the Suzuki method, and I owe so much to her. She touched so many lives and will never be forgotten.*

Laura Douce - February 02, 2019 at 12:26 AM

NH

“ Years ago (doesn't seem so long! but a couple of decades!), I had the privilege of getting my Suzuki Piano Book I teaching certification with Mary at Capital U. I was kinda nervous -- needlessly! -- because she put the class at easy immediately, and every day, and, wow, what grace and kindness and skill she possessed.

Observing her teach was watching a master at work. I was hooked.

Over the next few years, I continued getting certified at higher levels, but I ALWAYS and ONLY choose Suzuki institutes where she was the teacher trainer. She was the best, and I'll always be grateful.

My condolences to her family and friends.

Neal Havener - February 01, 2019 at 06:14 PM

MP

“ *With love, much was accomplished.*

*Sincerely,
Merry Bing Pruitt*

Merry Pruitt - January 31, 2019 at 07:09 PM

LM

“ *Our family was fortunate enough to move to Athens during the time Mary Craig Powell lived and taught piano there. Both daughters, Hallie and Keya Myers were piano students with the kind and thoughtful guidance of this wonderful lady. She is fondly remembered in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.*

Lorraine Myers

Lorraine Myers - January 30, 2019 at 05:55 PM

GS

“ I feel so lucky to have had Mary Craig as my Suzuki piano teacher trainer in Orford, Quebec, Canada years ago. Her amazing capacity to draw out quality results from students and teacher trainees in a loving, encouraging way was beautiful. She led by example so that we could learn to carry the same torch of light in our own lives and through our music. Mary Craig, thank you for inspiring us with your kindness, creativity, musicianship, leadership and ongoing quest for excellence. You shall be greatly missed.

*Genevieve Snider
Suzuki Piano Program
McGill Conservatory
Montreal, QC, Canada*

Genevieve Snider - January 29, 2019 at 06:12 PM

LS

“ *Mary Craig Powell was an incomparable teacher and friend to our family for many years. I am personally indebted to her from observing her teaching concepts during my daughters' weekly lessons for almost a decade, and my students' skills are better off largely due to her influence. My thoughts are with her family; her legacy will live on in the innumerable lives impacted by anyone lucky enough to have crossed paths with Mary Craig!* - Laura Chu Stokes and family

LAURA CHU STOKES - January 29, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ *Mary Craig changed our children's (Andrew and Jessica Willard) lives by instilling both skill and a love for music that is with them today. She was an amazing lady and teacher and will be missed.* -- Tina

Tina Neff - January 26, 2019 at 12:56 PM

HM

“ You’re all in our thoughts and prayers. May God uplift and comfort you. Mary blessed so many the world over and taught me and countless others about how to teach well. Thank you Mary for your love, kindness and sharing your gifts. The world is a better place because of you. God bless each of you during this time of grief. Our deepest sympathies.
Holly and Bill McDonald



Holly Huber McDonald - January 25, 2019 at 10:08 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of her passing. She was my Suzuki teacher for years, starting at just 3 1/2 years old! I'll always remember her kindness and her wonderful way of teaching. Although I have not played piano consistently for a long time, I still remember much of what she taught me as soon as I sit down at a piano. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

Lindsay Earles (Johnson) - January 25, 2019 at 09:52 AM