



## Marilyn J Berry

May 30, 1936 - July 22, 2020

Marilyn J. Berry was born in Portland, Maine, to the late L. Harland Blake and Helen Blake. She is survived by husband Robert Berry, daughter Linda Ashworth (Scott) of Gibsonia, PA, son Greg Berry (Amy) of Apex, NC, granddaughters Kendall Thompson (Jeff) and Austen Ashworth, grandsons Blake Berry and Max Berry, great granddaughter Devon Thompson and great grandson Parker Thompson.

Marilyn graduated from Gorham (Maine) High School, Westbrook Jr. College (Portland, Maine), and the University of Maine (Orono). She taught school in Maine for five years before moving to Washington, PA in 1962. In Pennsylvania, she taught English and Communications at McGuffey High School (Claysville, PA) until her retirement in 1993.

While living in Washington, she was an active volunteer for many years as well as a board member with the mental health organization AMI. During her tenure with AMI, she was honored to be selected by the mental health organization as Educator of the Year in Washington County.

Another memorable activity of hers was working with the students in PYEA (Pennsylvania Youth Education Assoc.) at McGuffey High School.

In 1994, she and Bob retired to Myrtle Beach, where they enjoyed golfing,

traveling, walking on the beach, and spending time with their friends and family. She looked forward to catching up with her best friends on the phone and she thoroughly appreciated the beautiful view from their living room overlooking the fifth tee at Prestwick. She really enjoyed her retirement years.

One of Marilyn's proudest moments was getting a hole-in-one on the eighth hole at Prestwick on December 5, 2010. She enjoyed reliving that experience, so you probably already know all the details.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

# Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn J Berry



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - July 24, 2020 at 03:26 PM

MJ

*It is painful when one of your longest time friends goes first. We grew up together in Gorham and shared many fond memories. Still can't believe I am not going to be able to pick up the phone and talk to her whenever I want to. She was much loved and will be greatly missed! Looking forward to joining her someday. Merle*

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**Merle Jenkins** - July 26, 2020 at 03:44 PM

GS

“ *What a dear lady! I enjoyed golfing with her, sharing books and conversations. We are glad to have had her as a friend.....she will be missed. Ginger and Jay Spang*

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**Ginger and Jay Spang** - July 25, 2020 at 11:10 AM

MP

“ Over several decades it was always our pleasure every spring and fall, arriving at Prestwick from Toronto, to visit with Marilyn. She would usually find us at the pool and say “I thought that was your voice!” Marilyn would catch us up on the Prestwick news and the latest books she had read.

Marilyn and Bob we're always a fixture at the Prestwick monthly dinners, the Friday Happy Hour dinners and the Kaplan Scrambles. MC enjoyed golfing with Marilyn in the Ladies 9 Hole League and lunching with her in the Second Wednesday group.

Marilyn was always gracious and a lovely lady to be with. We are sorry for your great loss Bob.

*Bruce and MC Porter*

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**MC and Bruce Porter** - July 25, 2020 at 10:32 AM

GF

“ My favorite greeting over the years when seeing Marilyn and Bob was, “Hope you have a “Berry” good day!”

As a retired high school counselor who is accustomed to “listening,” and Marilyn, as a former teacher, who was used to talking—we got along very well!

*Marilyn will be missed by Brenda and me.*

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**George Fagan** - July 24, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ Marilyn was one of the first people we met when we moved to Myrtle Beach. She was kind and had a great sense of humor. She loved to read and adored her family. For the last 2 years we were blessed to have her as our neighbor. Thanks for the memories.

*Tom and Nancy Maynard*

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**Nancy Maynard** - July 24, 2020 at 05:33 PM

GM

“ We both lived on Robie Street in Gorham. We graduated from Gorham High School in 1954. Always enjoyed visiting with her. Knew her brother Richard too. Sadly, he passed when only a teenager. Everybody in my class enjoyed Marilyn. She certainly will be missed.

*Gene Moulton of Wakefield, MA*

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**Gene Moulton** - July 24, 2020 at 04:27 PM

AN

“ Marilyn and I retired in 1994 to Myrtle Beach and were friends and neighbors for 25 1/2 yrs. She loved people and had many friends. She was, funny, Interesting and intelligent. She LOVED life to its fullest.

*We golfed together, went to lunches, many phone conversations and emails.*

*One of our favorite things we did together and enjoyed was yard saleing on Saturdays. always looking for a bargain. Then having lunch afterwards.*

*I am saddened to have lost such a good friend. She will be missed by all.*

*Love and Peace dear friend.*

*Ann Cotton*

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**ANN** - July 24, 2020 at 03:04 PM

KS

“ We shall miss Marilyn J Berry and her love of life. I met Marilyn through my mother-in-law Helen. She was her best friend. But Marilyn had tons of friends. She and Helen shared so much together. They had a love of history, books and travel. Helen traveled many places with Bob and Marilyn, they were so kind to have included her and I know they had fun. When we moved here Marilyn introduced us to so many great neighbors and friends. You could always count on her to get you connected. We are all so fortunate to have had her in our lives. Love you Marilyn and Bob

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**Kathy Sitar** - July 24, 2020 at 02:15 PM

KJ

“ 1 file added to the album Marilyn



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**kate lewis jensen** - July 24, 2020 at 02:15 PM

MC

“ Marilyn was such a joy to have as our neighbor . She was the first to welcome us when we moved in, and she always had a smile plus a great story to brighten any day. We loved seeing her and Bob out for their walks, such an inspiration...what a wonderful couple. Our hearts go out to Bob and all of the family.  
We will truly miss you Marilyn.  
Rest in peace.  
Jim and Michelle Carico

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**Michelle Carico** - July 24, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ Love you, Grammy! I will miss spending time with you at the beach and the pool. You always made me laugh and had so many friends. You loved to eat out at different restaurants and traveled the world. Maybe that's where I get my sense of adventure. We will miss you a lot.

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**Austen Ashworth** - July 24, 2020 at 07:37 AM

BD

“ Marilyn was a friend and neighbor of ours for 25 years. She was a happy smiley lady and always had a story or two. When you said Marilyn, I have to go now, she knew what you meant and said “oh, OK”. I'll talk to you later. We have enjoyed her, golfing, lunches, and at the club house. We will miss her may she Rest In Peace. Barbara and P. John Duimstra.

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**Barbara Duimstra** - July 23, 2020 at 08:04 PM