



Maryellen (Wolfe) Bieder

August 13, 1942 - January 31, 2018

Maryellen Wolfe Bieder, age 75, died January 31, 2018 in Bloomington, Indiana. She was born August 13, 1942 to Mary and Herbert Wolfe, delivered by her grandfather Dr. William G. Willard in Traverse City, MI. She grew up in Gainesville, FL where her father was a professor. After graduating from Lawrence University, Maryellen received her MA from Indiana University, where she met her husband Robert Bieder, an expert on Native American cultural history. They both earned PhD's at the University of Minnesota, after which Maryellen did research in South America and held several academic positions before spending 38 years as a professor of Spanish and Portuguese at Indiana University.

Maryellen was an established and prolific scholar of international stature in the field of Spanish literature and culture of the nineteenth century, bringing international attention to several women writers. Numerous awards and accolades recognized her achievements, including a Fulbright grant, funds from the Program for Cultural Cooperation between Spain and the US and from the Mellon Foundation, and countless travel and research grants. Maryellen published nearly 60 book chapters and journal articles and remained an active scholar up until the end her life, submitting her last article from the hospital the day before she died.

Maryellen enjoyed spending time most summers at Pinecrest, the 115 year old Wolfe family enclave along Crystal Lake near Beulah, MI, with many of her mother's Catton, Case, Putney, Oskamp and Willard relatives living nearby.

She was devoted to conserving the Pinecrest land and legacy, including caring for the family's first structure, the Boat House, and swam regularly in the lake. She also loved her cats and extensive travel with her loving husband Bob.

Memorial donations can be made to the Benzonia Library, www.benzonialibrary.org.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Maryellen's family at www.allencares.com