



Maryrose Wampler

November 5, 1937 - August 16, 2017

Maryrose Wampler passed away at home on Wednesday, August 16th 2017 surrounded by family. She was born in a log cabin on the Wabash River near New Harmony, Indiana on November 5th, 1937. She is preceded in death by her father Herman Wade and her mother Veronica (Berry) Wade. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Fredrick Wampler; four children, Lisa (David) Kratzer, Martha (Michael Ost) Wade, Ruth (Alun) Gwernan-Jones and William Wampler; brother Donald (Jaqueline) Wade and sister Lela (Billie Evans) Asay. She had 9 grandchildren, Daniel, Ruth, Sarah, Lucy, Edward, Hugh, Ivan, Moses and India. She had 4 great grandchildren, Malachi, Elias, Judah and Josiah, with another one on the way.

Maryrose attended Indiana University where she completed a Bachelor's Degree in English in 1959. While she was there she met her husband Fred at Fourth and Lincoln Church of Christ, and they married in 1960. From 1967 she attended North Central Church of Christ.

Maryrose was a nationally known botanical artist in the 1970s-1990s. She developed her career initially in the late '60s with Kay Poole in Nashville, with landscape paintings in oils. She then began to develop a watercolor technique that enabled unusual color intensity and detail. In 1974 she won the coveted National Flower Competition, and painted for Nature House Inc. until the early 1980s. During this time she became well known as a watercolor artist for her paintings and lithographs that depicted wildflowers characteristic of places across the United States. From the '80s she began working on books of

paintings of wildflowers and trees usual to Indiana, with text describing the plants and habitats written by her husband Fred. *Wildflowers of Indiana* was published by IU Press in 1988, and *Trees of Indiana* followed in 2000. Lithographs of her wildflowers are a common sight across the Midwest, appearing in homes and public spaces from McDonalds to museums. Maryrose's creative talent was not limited to painting. Friends and family of Maryrose inevitably wax lyrical about her culinary skills. Her cakes for birthdays, weddings, showers and anniversaries were legendary, and they both looked and tasted delectable. For years she has baked cookies, and made Easter and Thanksgiving meals, for the college students at church. Her children remember meals of hummus and pita bread, artichokes, couscous, beouf bourgignon and other exotic foods long before they became trendy. She was a Foodie before there were Foodies. After the millennium Maryrose began making jewelry, including cabochons and hand-formed chains. She is also known for her sewing, including a beautiful color wash quilt that hangs above the baptistry at North Central Church of Christ.

For those who knew her, she left a legacy of generous love, making the world more lively, interesting, and beautiful. She will be dearly missed.

Maryrose's memorial service will be held at North Central Church of Christ on Saturday, August 19th at 4pm. Visiting hours will be held beforehand from 2-4pm. Her family request that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made in her name to either: North Central Church of Christ (Honduras Missions), 2121 N. Dunn St., Bloomington, IN 47408; or the Community Kitchen of Monroe County, P.O. Box 3286, Bloomington, IN 47402-3286. You are invited to share an a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

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“ As a gift, I just received “Wildflowers of Indiana”. The beauty and the words took my breath away.
I’m so glad that Maryrose and Fred Wampler produced such a lovely volume!
Earth’s loss is surely Heaven’s gain.
Thank you both!

Deborah Davidson - October 15, 2020 at 01:08 AM

MP

“ Mackie Properties purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Maryrose Wampler.



Mackie Properties - August 22, 2017 at 02:45 PM

RL

“ A great friend Minnette Deiss introduced us to Mary Rose and Fred. My wife Kathleen thought so highly of Mary Rose and Mrs. Deiss kept us informed of all the great art work she did. Our deepest sympathy to you Fred and your family. Ron, Mary Ann and John Leichter.

Ronald D. Leichter - August 20, 2017 at 12:13 PM

MD

“ Fred and family: I'm so sorry to learn of Maryrose's passing! her beauties in artwork adorned my Grandmother Davis' coffee table for many years; being introduced to her friends with the comment, "I know this lady personally!" How kind and loving she was. Our heartfelt sympathy to you all. Mike Davis, for the family

Michael Davis - August 18, 2017 at 01:48 PM

JK

“ Jacqueline, Donald, Kirkland, Kimberly & Kent purchased the Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel for the family of Maryrose Wampler.



Jacqueline, Donald, Kirkland, Kimberly & Kent - August 17, 2017 at 12:41 PM