



## Colleen Sieberg

August 30, 1955 - January 22, 2020

Colleen Sieberg, age 64, of Toledo, passed away suddenly on January 22, 2020. She was born to Edward and Mary Jane (Hoy) Dawe on August 30, 1955. She was a graduate of Rocky River High School, Bowling Green State University—where she met her husband Tom—and Loyola Marymount. Colleen spent her career working as a music teacher for Maumee Valley Country Day School, where she taught strings and general music for 40 years. She won two teaching awards at Maumee Valley: the Stranahan Award, which took her to Europe and China, and the Maumee Valley Dream Odyssey. She enjoyed traveling. Her favorite excursions were her trips to Italy and her Danube River Cruise, and even more trips were in the works. Colleen was an avid sports fan, a gifted violinist, and put on legendary school music programs at Maumee Valley.

Peter Stevens, former Head of School at Maumee Valley, said, “Colleen’s sparkle and smile and high standards continue to shine for me. I’ve measured innumerable other teachers in my life against everything she stood for and against the impact she had on our lives. Few have compared favorably. We treasure her gifts of song and note and beauty.” Phineas Anderson, also a former Head of School at Maumee Valley said, “Colleen was a true wonder. How she managed production after production, year after year, with apparent ease and in a loving way, was simply amazing. She was the creative mainstay at Maumee Valley whose memory among hundreds of students will not be forgotten.”

Tributes to Colleen and her teaching gift have been numerous. Former Head of School Gary Boehm called her “a force of nature. She was often at school late into the night preparing lessons, transcribing music, and writing skits for her students to perform. When she was done with her classroom work, she’d go out to the athletic fields or the gym to cheer on the students. Colleen was a caring and demanding teacher who had high expectations for her students, and as a consequence, she showed students what they could accomplish with hard work.”

Lynn Casto, Maumee Valley’s current Head of School, summed up the beauty of Colleen’s life: “Colleen loved her family, loved teaching, and loved all her students-past and present. She knew everything about everyone because she took the time to talk and to listen. Each performance she created was a masterpiece, carefully written, integrated with the students’ learning in the classroom, and cast so that each child was featured doing that which he or she loved best. A stalwart educator, Colleen embodied all that Maumee Valley holds dear: kindness, respect, acceptance, academic excellence, creativity, and innovation. A tradition herself, a Maumee Valley education will not be the same without her.”

Most of all, Colleen loved her family. She had the privilege of having her own children as students, and she expanded the music program so much that her husband was able to join the school as a faculty member. She was the center of the wheel of the family.

Colleen was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, Tom; daughter, Megan (Lisa Elliott) Sieburg; son, Ryan; siblings, Kathy Baker, Steve (Julie) Dawe, Maria (Mike) Dawe-Urick, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 South Reynolds Road, on Thursday, January 30, from 1:00-7:00 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, January 31 at 6:00 p.m. for Colleen at Maumee Valley Country Day School, 1715 South Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH 43614. Parking will be available across Glendale Avenue with shuttles to the school. Immediately

following the ceremony, all are invited to a reception to share memories of this remarkable educator, woman and friend.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests tributes to an endowment fund in honor of Colleen Sieberg at Maumee Valley Country Day School (<https://www.mvcds.org/give-now/make-a-gift>). Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ Our family watched the service on Friday via streaming. So much effort by so many people went into paying tribute to Mrs. Sieberg. We were particularly impressed by Mr. Sieberg's strength as he assumed a prominent role in leading the strings ensemble. We are very sorry for your loss.

*Rod, Heather, Anne-Marie, and Audrey Gabel*

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**Rod and Heather Gabel** - February 03, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ My condolences to the family of Mrs. Sieberg. She was an excellent teacher. My daughter looked up to her like a mother and mentor. Year after years she and her students at Maumee Valley Country Day School worked tirelessly to present outstanding musical programs to grateful parents and community audiences. She will be sorely missed.

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**Renoir Gaither** - February 01, 2020 at 10:17 AM

PW

“ Dear Tom, Megan, Lisa, and Ryan-you are in our thoughts as you try to comprehend this tremendous loss. Colleen touched every member of our family and it is hard to imagine the MV community without her. David always said she was the most important and irreplaceable person in our school. She was a teacher to all our girls, getting to know them as individuals and encouraging each of them in the way best suited for their personalities. And her caring and encouragement continued, as she became a friend and mentor to Hannah, and always the most informed, supportive fan at their sporting events. And just this year, she was beginning that lifetime connection with our grandchildren, who loved seeing her at basketball games.  
May your memories be a comfort, and may you somehow find peace.  
Patty Wise  
(and David, Hannah, Mackenzie and Maya)

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**Patty Wise** - January 29, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Colleen Sieberg.*



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January 27, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Colleen Sieberg.*



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January 27, 2020 at 08:45 AM

DS

“ Ryan,  
*I am so sorry to read this sad news. I never had the pleasure of meeting her, but she helped raise a great son. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Debbie Stambaugh*

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**Debbie Stambaugh** - January 27, 2020 at 08:36 AM

PA

“ Tom, Megan & Ryan,  
*Our hearts are so heavy for the sudden and unexpected loss of Colleen. Words cannot express what you are feeling at this moment, but know that so many will be surrounding you all with much love, support and prayers.*  
*Dave, Paula & Kody Prediger*

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**Paula** - January 26, 2020 at 03:36 PM

MR

“ We were so shocked and saddened to hear the news. My kids, especially the boys, loved working with Colleen; she held them to the highest of standards in the best of ways. She was such an amazing person, and we are all so fortunate to have had her in our lives. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you!  
*Maureen Rooney & the Meyers*

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**Maureen Rooney** - January 25, 2020 at 09:48 PM

LG

“ Dear Tom, Megan, Ryan, and the Sieberg and Dawe family, You are in our thoughts and prayers as Colleen is a great loss to us all. She was loved, respected and admired by so many people: family, friends, teachers and students. Colleen enjoyed being with people, especially young people. She was always asking questions, solving problems and helping others. Colleen developed a fantastic music and strings program for our students and the community to enjoy. She told me many times how proud she was of her students, how they grew, and how hard they worked to polish their music, speaking, and dancing skills.

We have taught together for more than thirty years, integrating lessons, making costumes and props and I have enjoyed supporting her visions. We enjoyed going to art fairs, galleries, museums, movies, out to dinner, etc... She made a great social director, travel agent, personal shopper, and lunch buddy. Colleen will be in our hearts forever.

*Lou Ann Glover and the Glover family  
(MV faculty)*

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**Lou Ann Glover** - January 25, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ Tom Megan and Ryan. Our home was always Blessed with Colleen's joy and laughter at our Christmas parties, but the best memories were made in George's City Club on choir nights. Much love and God's Peace. Dan, Judy, Heather and John Kolhoff

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**Judy Kolhoff** - January 25, 2020 at 05:38 PM

DM

“ Tom, so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.

*Darrell Mann*

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**Darrell Mann** - January 25, 2020 at 03:34 PM

KK

“ Tom,  
I was so incredibly saddened to hear of this sudden loss of Colleen. When meeting her and visiting extensively after a recent class reunion, it was obvious how dedicated, loving, caring, and energetic she was. The Blade article is an incredible testimony to this. You and your family have my deepest sympathy and will be in my thoughts and prayers in the difficult days ahead.

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**Kathy Hilty Kennedy** - January 25, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Colleen Sieberg.



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January 24, 2020 at 09:39 PM

MR

“ I will so miss you Colleen, as you come thru the doors with your morning hello, your gentle smile and your wonderful gift of music. All I know is that you and the angels are making BEAUTIFUL music  
xoxoxox

*Wishing the Sieberg family peace and prayers. Hold your lovely memories tight to your heart.*

*Peace.*

*Maggie Reed*

*(MV faculty)*

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**Maggie Reed** - January 24, 2020 at 06:34 PM