



Julie Ellen Bowers (Harshman)

September 30, 1940 - March 10, 2013

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Our dear sister, aunt, friend and teacher, Julie Ellen Bowers, age 72, has left us to cherish her beautiful memory. Julie died March 10, 2013 at Ebeid Hospice, Flower Hospital, after a brief and courageous battle with cancer.

Her kindness of heart and generosity of spirit will be sadly missed by the many people whose lives she touched.

Julie was born September 30, 1940, to Paul and Helen Harshman. She attended Rosary Cathedral, Central Catholic High School and received her BA in Education from Marquette University in 1962. Her post graduate studies included a masters degree from The University of Toledo and course work at Bowling Green State University.

Julie's 42-year career began as a French teacher at Cardinal Stritch High School and continued at Perrysburg High School. After retiring from there in 1996, she returned to the classroom to teach English and French at Northwood High School. Although she taught both languages, teaching French was her passion. She imparted her love for the language not only in her classroom, but also by leading over a dozen tours to France with her students.

Julie's love for learning continued into her later years. She was a volunteer for Read for Literacy and took several UT theology courses. She thoroughly enjoyed reading and her monthly book club. She also adored spending time with colleagues and lifelong friends, including three special friends she's kept since first grade.

Julie was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Paul (Bo) Harshman Jr. She is survived by brothers Timothy (Mary Lourdes) Harshman, Daniel (Betty) Harshman of South Bend, IN, sister Mary (Richard) Henning, and sister-in-law Nancy Harshman. She also leaves behind nieces and nephews: Andy (Suzanne) Harshman, Erin (Mark) Mitchell, Casey (Molly) Harshman, Charlie (Kelli) Harshman, Kelly (Mark) Halmrast, Amy (Greg) Bechert, Meghan (John) Trowbridge, Heidi Harshman, Marty (Katie) Harshman, Tim Harshman, Carrie Henning, Tom (Betsy) Henning, Annie Henning and 25 great nieces and nephews upon all of whom she showered much love, compassion and QVC gifts. Lastly, she is survived by her beloved dog, Boo Radley.

We would like to thank the Ebeid Hospice staff for the kindness and care they showed Julie and her family.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 14, from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road. Funeral services will begin in the mortuary at 9:15 a.m. Friday, March 15, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10:00 a.m. at Corpus Christi University Parish, 2955 Door Street. Internment will be at Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to Corpus Christi Parish or the Toledo Area Humane Society. Please view and sign our online registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.
Toledo, OH 43607

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Ms. Bowers was a wonderful and talented teacher. Some of my best memories of high school are her class. My parents live around the corner and I always enjoyed saying hi to her as she walked her dog around the block. She will be missed.*

Christine Barker Bouck

Christine Bouck - April 08, 2013 at 12:08 PM

DE

“ *To Julie's "Family -- Ron and I were saddened to learn of her passing. I had just sent her a note when I heard that she was so ill, thinking that there would be much more time. Julie was a credit to her profession and a loyal and devoted friend. I got to know her because of teaching and I grew to love her through our trips together, the book club, and the laughter we shared. You must have so many wonderful memories as she always spoke so highly and lovingly of her family. May you find peace in these memories and may Julie find peace with her Lord.*

*Ron and Donna Eaton
2692 Day Lily Run
The Villages, FL 32162
352.205.4900*

Donna Eaton - March 17, 2013 at 09:43 PM

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Coyle Funeral Home - March 14, 2013 at 12:48 PM

SH

“ *Dear dear Julie,*

You were my mentor, then colleague, my travel companion and roommate in France, always my friend. It was your generosity and kindness that made the transition into my first teaching job at Cardinal Stritch High School so easy. You hadn't planned to leave Stritch, but you shared your expertise, introduced me to your French Club officers and graciously welcomed me to step into your shoes. Years later, it was your faith in me and your phone call that brought me to Perrysburg Schools to teach French at the junior high. Then, as you prepared to retire, it was your encouragement ("Better get your ducks in a row," you said) that led me to follow you once again into your French classroom at the high school.

Many trips to France, many adventures and much laughter were part of those years. I am deeply grateful for your friendship, your thoughtful ways, your humor, your frankness, your wisdom, your charm. I will miss you.

May the angels lead you into paradise. And may your beautiful family be comforted by their memories of times together and by Jesus' assurance that you are now and forever delighting in the joy of His presence.

Sandy Harding

Sandy Harding - March 14, 2013 at 08:59 AM

SR

“ I worked with Julie at Perrysburg. Julie and I became friends by joining a book club. Julie was so full of life, told great stories, always had a smile on her face, made me want to read books I would never thought to read. I am so glad I got to know Julie. My prayers are with your family and friends as we will all miss you.

Sandy Roginski

Sandy Roginski - March 13, 2013 at 06:04 PM

MN

“ Miss Harshman was my French teacher from 1963-67 at Cardinal Stritch High School. She was an excellent teacher and she was a wealth of information in all subjects. She did attend our 25 th class reunion in 1992 it was the first and last time that I did see her. May she rest in peace

*Mary Ellen (Imbery) Novinsky
Cshs 1967*

Mary Ellen Novinsky - March 13, 2013 at 01:17 PM

BH

“ On behalf of Read for Literacy staff, volunteers and students I would like to offer our condolences to Julie's family and friends. She was an excellent volunteer and will be greatly missed by us.

*Brian Halbisen
Read for Literacy
ESL Program*

Brian Halbisen - March 13, 2013 at 12:06 PM

CV

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 13, 2013 at 11:40 AM

JS

Julie and I worked at Stritch together. I knew her parents and some of the family well. I remembered going out to Purdue to watch her brother play football for Notre Dame. We did traveling together. Trips to Florida on spring breaks or Easter vacations. I used to go to Perryburg to have lunch with her once in awhile. I was totally surprised to read of her death in the blade today.. I would like to let her family know that you have my deepest sympathy. I thought she was a very caring person and we had many laughs when we ran around together. God Bless Jeannine Sheibley

jeannine sheibley - March 14, 2013 at 05:01 PM

MS

*Julie's classroom was right next to mine at Perrysburg High School. I learned so much from her how to be a teacher and how to involve the students in creative activities. Julie was born to be a teacher and her students were the better for it. God Bless you Julie.
Mark Schrock*

Mark Schrock - March 17, 2013 at 12:50 PM

JV

“ *I taught with Julie many years ago at Perrysburg. Always with a smile! I still bake the carrot cake at Easter with the recipe she shared with me:) God Bless to all her family.*

*Mrs. Jenny Verbosky
Physical education/Health
Perrysburg High School*

Jenny Verbosky - March 13, 2013 at 10:10 AM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 13, 2013 at 09:28 AM

JO

“ Miss Harshman was my French teacher from 1963 to 1967 at Cardinal Stritch High School. She inspired me to also be a French teacher. I am very sorry for your loss. I have often thought of her through the years. She has touched so many lives and will live on in our hearts.

Jennifer Beltz Orkisz

Jennifer Orkisz - March 13, 2013 at 09:01 AM

SV

“ Ms. Harshman Bowers was my French teacher at Stritch. She made learning fun and I enjoyed her class very much and still remember many phrases after all these years. Merci Professeur!

Sue (Weaver) Veres

Sue Veres - March 13, 2013 at 08:52 AM

JT

“ Sincere sympathy and love to all. So many memories of times together.

Judy Lee Trautman

Judy Trautman - March 13, 2013 at 04:04 AM

SI

“ *Ms Bowers, always one of the coolest teachers I've ever had. I had her as an English and a French teacher. She will be missed by all!*

She is in a better place, and we'll meet again one day, and eat French food together!

Sierra Roach

Sierra - March 12, 2013 at 03:25 PM

BN

“ *Dear Bowers family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. As your hearts are full of grief and pain, I pray that your family will draw comfort from the promise from God found in John 5:28, 29. Here we are assured that soon our loved ones will be resurrected back to life. May God prove to be your true source for strength and hope during this most difficult time.*

Beth Nolff - March 12, 2013 at 12:17 PM

CH

“ *Tim & ML: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. We are thinking of all the Harshman family and want to offer our sympathy to all.*

*Lots of love,
Carolyn(Schira)Harris & Walt Harris
Olive Branch, MS*

carolyn Harris - March 12, 2013 at 11:02 AM

FA

“ *Prayers and condolences for Julie and the family. She was a [pleasure to teach with at Stritch and a blessing to the community.
Fr. Jim Auth*

Fr. Jim Auth - March 12, 2013 at 09:20 AM

RS

“ I have known Julie for over forty years as a colleague and a dear friend. Her passing has moved me greatly, as we were part of a five member foreign language department at Perrysburg High School. We all had so much fun together. She was part of my "Perrysburg family" that included a number of fine people. She helped make my years at Perrysburg very enjoyable. I will miss her.

Roger Southward

Roger Southward - March 11, 2013 at 10:37 PM

NG

“ Dear Mary, Tim and Dan, The message you wrote for Julie is lovely. A wonderful tribute to her. We will all miss her. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Nancy Gates

Nancy Gates - March 11, 2013 at 08:19 PM