



Mary Dell Hibbert

September 15, 1931 - February 13, 2025

Mary Dell Hibbert passed away peacefully in her sleep at Hospice of NW Ohio on February 13, 2025. The day before she died, she had talked on the phone to all her daughters, her sister and one of her grandsons. She was 93 years old and had a strong, sharp mind. She was born on September 15, 1931, to Harold T. and Dorothy (Brown) Wintermute in Newark, Ohio. Her mother was a teacher; her father was a Methodist Minister and Mary Dell lived in many small towns in Ohio. She was married to Fred Hibbert whom she met while they were students at Ohio Wesleyan University. They enjoyed sixty years of marriage before his death in 2014.

Mary Dell is remembered as a gracious hostess, making guests feel welcome and preparing delicious meals. She was the consummate 50's housewife: she loved supporting her husband in all his pursuits, including his lifelong love of sailing, and she loved being a stay-at-home mother. She kept a beautiful home and enjoyed keeping the flowers, shrubs and trees in good shape. She was also an excellent seamstress, sewing most of her clothes and those of her daughters when they were growing up, and upholstering furniture for the family home.

Generous with her time, she volunteered in a variety of ways, serving on boards for local organizations, knocking on doors to make sure school levies passed, and helping senior citizens prepare their taxes. Mary Dell was

involved with the Toledo Monnett Club, AAUW, and Pi Beta Phi (her college sorority). She was a longtime member of Epworth United Methodist Church.

Mary Dell loved to play bridge and played until about six months ago when her diminished eyesight made it impossible. She was the last standing member of a bridge club that started in the early 1960's and continued for sixty years. She also loved to play tennis, especially with her Friday regulars at Laurel Hill.

In these last few months, Mary Dell enjoyed listening to classical music and listening to books, especially historical fiction. It wasn't easy to keep up with her voracious reading as she plowed through books. Just recently, she listened to a book about FDR's cabinet and another about President Reagan's close relationship with Margaret Thatcher. She always had something interesting to talk about because of her books. Additionally, up until about a year ago, she read The Wall Street Journal daily and could discuss current events with the best of them. Up until her death, she still paid close attention to the news and enjoyed discussing it.

Mary Dell relished the role of Grandmother and was blessed with seven grandchildren in seven years. They adored her and were devoted to her. She played with them when they were younger and offered guidance to them when they were older.

Mary Dell is survived by her three daughters: Nancy Hibbert of Toledo, Helen (Phil) Kirk of Maumee and Cindy (George) Smithy of Wellesley, Massachusetts; seven grandchildren: Harrison (Bayleigh) Schoettley, Dylan (Meghan) Schoettley, Celesta (Ben) Tow, Nora (Joel) Anderson, Leah Kirk, Peter (Emily) Smithy and Claire (Carter) Kriz. She also had four great-grandchildren who lit up her life: Fin and Millie Schoettley, and Asa and Willa Tow. She is also survived by her sister Nancy (Lloyd) Gardner of New Jersey and sister-in-law Martha Boice of Centerville, Ohio. She was predeceased by

her husband Frederick W. Hibbert and her brother Paul Wintermute.

Mary Dell's daughters would like to thank the staff at Hospice of NW Ohio in Perrysburg for their excellent care in these last few months of her life and her loving and devoted caregiver Kristine Brown who helped her in so many ways. There will be a memorial service for Mary Dell on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 11:30 at First Presbyterian Church in Maumee, 200 E. Broadway St., Maumee. A luncheon will follow the service. Visitation with the family will begin at the church at 10:30. Interment will be private.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution are asked to consider:

Glaucoma Research Foundation <https://glaucoma.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/honor-memorial-giving>

251 Post St. #600, San Francisco California, 94108

First Presbyterian Church of Maumee <https://www.firstpresmaumee.org/give/>
200 E Broadway St. Maumee, OH. 43537

Toledo Symphony Orchestra <<https://www.artstoledo.com/individual-giving-tso>>

1838 Parkwood Unit 310, Toledo, OH. 43604

Toledo Museum of Art <https://toledomuseum.org/donate>
2445 Monroe St, Toledo, Ohio 43620

Cemetery Details

Ottawa Hills Memorial Park

4210 W Central Ave
Toledo, OH 43606

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church (Maumee)
200 E. Broadway
Maumee, OH 43537

Memorial Service

FEB **25**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Dell Hibbert.

February 24, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Dell Hibbert.



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“ Love always, David and Fran Hibbert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Dell Hibbert.

Love always, David and Fran Hibbert - February 24, 2025 at 07:48 AM



“ Love always, David and Fran Hibbert purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Mary Dell Hibbert.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Dell Hibbert.

February 22, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Dell Hibbert.



February 22, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ Dear Hibbert family, I have fond memories of Fred and Mary Dell when I worked at Ohio Wesleyan. The sesquicentennial campaign was a big success due to their hard work. They were wonderful hosts of every event I attended. Their impact and OWU network was strong. . Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

Laurie McGregor Connor - February 17, 2025 at 07:15 PM

CC

“ Dear Nancy and Family,
We are saddened by the passing of your dear mom, Mary Dell. We met her a few times and were always impressed with her knowledge. She could have been a President of a University!! Her family came first and you all benefited from her wisdom. She also was a very gracious lady and I wish I had known her better. She always remembered us with a Christmas card!
You and your families are her legacy and a fine one it is.
You will be in my thoughts and prayers as you honor your mother on the 25th.
Much love, Chey and Archie Call

Chey Call - February 16, 2025 at 09:37 AM

MA

Mary Dell was a long time, dear friend of my mother's. In fact, she made special effort to come to my mother's 90th birthday party two years ago in January. She was a delight!
December 2024 she sent my mother, Kathy Allen a Christmas card. On January 21 this year, She called my mother to wish her a happy birthday and talk to her for a full hour! My mother Kathy said she was very sharp!
I'm very sorry for you loss, she was a wonderful lady.
Michelle Allen-Parker

Michelle Allen-parker - February 16, 2025 at 11:33 PM

DW

I had the pleasure of caring for Mary Dell at Hospice of NWO. Crazy small world moment when we figured out that our paths had crossed many years ago on Ravenwood Blvd. My grandparents Anne & Oscar Herebic were her neighbors and I now live in their home. It was lovely to reminisce about the neighborhood with your mom. Please accept my condolences on the passing of your sweet mother. I count it a blessing that our paths crossed again after all these years! Debbie Skeels Westmeyer

Debbie Skeels Westmeyer - February 17, 2025 at 12:18 AM



Nancy and Family, I'm sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy. Ellen Yager

Ellen Yager - February 17, 2025 at 10:59 PM