

## **Marsha K. Darcy obituary**

Marsha Kay Darcy of Oberlin, 76, passed away July 26, 2023 at Amherst Manor nursing home under hospice care, having battled various illnesses for a year.

Marsha was born Marsha Kay Quesenberry on December 4, 1946 in Wabasha, Minnesota to Howard and Helen Quesenberry. She began piano lessons at an early age and studied at the Aspen Music Festival. In 1964 she entered the Oberlin Conservatory and pursued a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance. Here she met her future husband Warren Jay Darcy, who was working on Bachelor of Music degrees in composition and theory. They graduated in 1968 and entered the University of Illinois School of Music, where Marsha completed a Master's degree in piano and Warren finished a Master of Music degree and a Doctor of Music Arts degree, both in composition. They married on June 14, 1969 in Wabasha, Minnesota. In 1973 they moved back to Oberlin, where Warren began a 41-year career as Professor of Music Theory. Marsha worked as an administrative assistant, first in the Chemistry department and then in the Alumni office. She accompanied the Oberlin community chamber singers and various vocalists, including one who performed some of Warren's compositions.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her younger sister Mary Ross. She is survived by her husband of 54 years Warren, her sister Susan Boettcher, and three nieces.

Marsha was known as a charming, friendly, and sensitive person, who lit up any room with her presence. She loved dogs, and their household always boasted a canine companion. She also loved to travel and spent much time with her husband in Germany, Austria, Italy, and Scotland.

A memorial service will be held September 16 at 1:00 PM at First Church in Oberlin. Funeral arrangements are handled by Cowling Funeral Home in Oberlin.