



Dr. Merry Texter

December 25, 1934 - August 11, 2019

Dr. Merry Texter passed away peacefully on August 11, 2019 at age 84. Born on Christmas Day, 1934 in Orange, Ohio, she was the youngest of 6 children.

She received her Bachelor's, Master's and PhD in Music Education from the Ohio State University and was a lifelong OSU fan. She taught music in the Mentor, Ohio school district for over 30 years, retiring to Sarasota in the mid 1980's. After retirement she continued to conduct and perform as a member of the Suncoast Concert Band.

She is survived by a nephew, Eric Hess of Rocky River, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, Nellie and Marion Texter, siblings Helen, Ruth, Jean, Ben and Lee, and her best friend Patricia Matthews, who passed away in 2012.

No services are planned.

Memorial contributions can be made to First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1031 S. Euclid Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34237.

Tribute Wall

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“*Dr. Texter was my junior high school band director. She was the one who suggested I switch from trumpet to euphonium, which presented me with a vast number of musical opportunities that I would not otherwise have had. I connected with Merry (it's hard to think of her by her first name!) again almost 10 years ago, and I received a wonderful e-mail from her in return. I regret that I did not maintain contact with her, and I'm saddened to hear of her death. She was a great influence on me musically and personally, and I will always remember her as one of my favorite teachers. I would like to thank her for her impact on my life and send my sympathy to her family and friends. She will be missed.*

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