

CAROL BOWERS
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Carol was born in Van Wert County, Ohio, December 10, 1926. Her parents were teachers and farmers. Carol grew up on the farm and considers herself a country-girl. She had an idyllic childhood, growing up working on the farm, tending the 14 cows, a number of chickens and several pigs.

She had an older brother (Edwin Adam) and a younger sister (Eloise Adam). The family all worked the farm and grew most of their own food. They milked their own cows by hand, but Carol does remember when they got a mechanical milking machine.

In addition to farming, her mother taught in a one room school house while her father taught Vocational Agriculture. Both parents were college graduates. Her father graduated from Ohio State while her mother graduated from Ohio Northern. Her mother stopped teaching when the children arrived and devoted herself to managing the children and the farm.

Carol remembers a home full of books and that her parents always read to her as she was growing up. There was also music in the home. Her father had played the trombone in the Ohio State Marching Band. Her mother played the piano. Her brother played the clarinet and her sister played piano. Carol enjoyed singing.

Carol went to Bowling Green University and got a BS in Art Education. She graduated in 1948. In 1949 she married George Bowers. George had also graduated from Bowling Green University and had been a lieutenant in the Air Force during World War II in Europe. They met when George came back to visit his sister, who introduced them to each other. In their early years they lived in Wayzata, Minnesota and Kent, Ohio where George taught Industrial Arts. They came to Oxford when George was named Dean of the School of Applied Sciences in 1965.

Carol taught art in the Talawanda school district for a number of years, using drawing, painting and the other creative arts to stimulate the children's imaginations. She also taught 6th grade Sunday School in the Oxford Presbyterian Church.

Carol grew up in the Methodist Church, but switched to the Congregational Church when they lived in Wayzata, Minnesota since the church was right across the street from their house. She and George both sang in the choir there. They

joined the Presbyterian Church when they moved to Oxford because they enjoyed the minister, Reverend Bob Foster. Carol is a 50-year member of the Oxford Presbyterian Church.

Oxford appealed to both Carol and George, and it was here they raised their daughter, Mary Beth. Mary Beth was born in 1956 and attended McGuffey and Talawanda schools. She graduated from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota and got her Masters from Miami University. Mary Beth married John Bunge in Oxford. They now live in Ithaca, New York where he is Professor of Statistics at Cornell and Mary Beth is the Managing Director of the Hanger Theater Company in Ithaca.

Mary Beth and her husband had one daughter, Avalon Bunge. She graduated from Colgate University and now works in Norwalk, Connecticut at the Maritime Aquarium, as a STEM Education Specialist. She is planning to get married next October.

Carol was just awarded her 50-year membership in PEO. She now lives in the Knolls where she moved with her husband George in 2003. Although George died in 2004, they enjoyed a marriage of 55 years. Carol is a lovely and charming lady who is helped by her caregiver, Linda Marchbanks.

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