



Roberta "Bobbie" Ann Hunter

May 25, 1939 - February 23, 2024

The unstoppable Roberta "Bobbie" Ann Hunter (Martz) of Bay City, MI passed away peacefully on February 23, 2024 at age 84.

Bobbie was born to Lora (Hudspeth) and Charles Martz of Hartford, OH on May 25, 1939. Sadly, her mother passed away when Bobbie was just 12-years old, and she was tasked with raising her younger brother Bill, whom she adored. She graduated from Hartford High School in 1957 and married Mel Hunter, also of Hartford, in 1963. They eventually settled in Bay City, MI with their two daughters, where Bobbie remained for over 50 years.

After many years as a devoted stay-at-home mom, Bobbie worked, in her later life, as a legal secretary and a realtor. As a dedicated parishioner at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bay City, she sang in the choir, played handbells, led the children's choir, and joyfully served wherever she was needed. She loved singing and music - from classical to ragtime to Willie Nelson - and she loved playing the piano, especially duets with her dearest friend Jeanette Leubs. For over 40 years, Bobbie was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, where she met Frances FitzGerald who became her long-time friend and surrogate mother.

She was graceful and elegant, extremely smart and witty, and hilariously funny. She embodied unconditional love and extended endless generosity to

everyone she met. And she was a fighter, beating the odds through multiple battles with cancer. She faced many challenges in life, but she was remarkably strong-willed, self-sufficient, and always brave.

Bobbie's greatest love was her daughters, and she made sure they knew it. Her daughters could always look to her for sound advice, encouragement, support and comfort. She was everything to them.

Bobbie was predeceased by her parents, ex-husband Mel and their infant son Christopher Scott Hunter, and dear friend Frances Fitzgerald. She is survived by her brother Bill Martz, daughters Cynthia (Rutherford) and Beth (Nugent), Roger Nugent, grandchildren Francis, Benedict, Joseph, and Isidore Rutherford and Amelia and Evelyn Nugent.

A celebration of life will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 11 am at Trinity Episcopal Church, 815 N. Grant St. in Bay City, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts in memory be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Bobbie's remains will be interred alongside her parents and son at Hartford Community Cemetery in Hartford, OH at a later date.