



## Marian Meredith Bellamy

March 17, 1927 - February 19, 2013

Marian Meredith Bellamy, formerly of Haverford, died peacefully on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Born in Woodbury, NJ on March 17, 1927 to Charles David Meredith and Olga Louise Meredith, she grew up in Woodbury with her older brother, David. A graduate of Woodbury High School, she went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in English from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel University) in 1948 where she was active in the radio station and theater.

Marian fell in love with and married Joseph Louis Bellamy, Jr. (Lou) on October 3, 1953 in Woodbury. They settled in Merion. She was fiercely proud of their only son David. Together Lou and Marian spent many hours in Community Theater at the Saturday Club and Footlighters. Marian directed more than a dozen plays including *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *6 Rms Riv Vu* and *The Woman in Black*. She was President of Footlighters for several years and was instrumental in the 1984 purchase of their current building in Berwyn. Marian was an accomplished medical writer, working most of her career at Smith, Kline & French (now GlaxoSmithKline). She authored numerous medical articles and books including the monograph for the blockbuster drug Tagamet® and *The Good Life with Diabetes*. Marian was one of the founding reporters for the Physicians Radio Network covering medical stories in the Philadelphia area including an award winning investigative report on the Legionnaires' disease outbreak at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in 1976. Her creative abilities extended to music where she was a pianist and

composer. Her compositions include choral, woodwind, string quartet, brass quintet and piano. She was Chairman of the Board of the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Composers and Conductors.

Marian's craft of writing led to fiction where she wrote several plays and books including *Corridors*, *To the Jerseys*, and *the Emerald Crown*. Her capstone was the 2005 publication of *Goldie & Androcles—A fable for the 21st century* that chronicled Marian's early years as told by her beloved bear, Goldie.

Marian and Lou retired to the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown in 2005 where Marian was an avid bridge player.

Marian is survived by her son David (Carol); grandchildren Meredith (Brian) and Emma; nephews George Jr. (Josephine), Bill (Gina), Mark (Sue) and Donald (Amy). Her life was celebrated February 26th at a service held at the Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home in Ardmore. Contributions in her honor may be made to Footlighters Theater, 58 Main Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312.

# Tribute Wall



“ Susan and I send our condolences to your family, whom we met through the Episcopal Church. I also taught David at Bala Cynwyd Jr. High School.##imported-begin##Susan and Ted Goldsborough##imported-end##

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“ I was saddened hearing of Marian's passing. I have many fond memories of the times spent with Marian and Lou. May they both rest in eternal peace.

*Ed Risell*  
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