



# Herb Dale Summers

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**H**erb D Summers

Herbie was born Sept 1, 1948 and passed July 14, 2024.

He was born in Youngstown, Ohio and lived in Miami Florida for 59 years. Herbie graduated from the University of Miami with a Masters of Fine Arts.

He is survived by wife Toni (Annette), brother Mark and wife Stella, Sister Kathy, Sister Geri and wife Judy, and many nieces and nephews and extended family.

Herb was a devoted teacher of middle and high school art students in the Miami Magnet program for his entire career. In his retirement, he continued to pursue his passion for art.

Herbie was a man of great faith remembered for his joy of sharing his love of the gospel in both word and deed. Over the years, Herbie was encouraged by people who shared the profound effect he had on their lives.

Everyone knew he was an avid UM fan and wore the Orange and Green proudly. He loved spending time with his family – sharing new foods and experiences, as well as, delighting in a prank or two.

Herbie and Toni were married close to 40 years and she was the light of his life. Their journey together was a testament to the strength, commitment and deep connection they shared.

Herbie will be mostly remembered for his compassion and love for all those he touched and for the way he shared God's love.

A private memorial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of Herb Summers to the Caring Place at the Miami Rescue Mission.

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## Tribute Wall

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SG

**Samoya Gordon** posted:

Mr. Summers was my middle school teacher, one in which I have never forgotten. His meekness and passion have always been cherished. I was not the best of students as I look back, but Mr. Summers did not change towards me. His class was an escape from my unfortunate realities as a young black girl. I knew there was always something special about him, reading below lets me know that it was the love of God shining through him. He is the reason I doddle while in meetings and is awed by continuous line drawings, he's how I know what an exacto-blade is and how I know how to create my own canvas to create a drawing if I wanted. I decided to try and find him and I'm saddened that I was a little too late. My condolences to the family, not many people can say that they have been touched by an angel, but I can!!

January 24 at 5:51 AM

MS

**Mark Summers** posted:

He was my brother by birth and best friend by choice. Five years my elder, I always felt part of his world. Herbie always saw the good in me, as it seemed he did with everyone. I never felt excluded from his life events, in fact he included me in all I can remember. We truly enjoyed and loved each other. I will miss him and will always look back on our lives with happy memories. I love you Herbie.

August 3 at 6:01 PM



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**Stella** posted:

Bible Study Teacher, Youth Group Leader, Fellow Teacher, Friend, and twice Brother-in-Law (he was both my husband's brother and my sister's husband), were only some of the names that Herbie held over the almost 50 years that I have known and loved him. I dearly miss him and the special roles that he held our family. Herbie was 'among the best' in all the roles he held and it would probably be impossible to find someone that didn't agree that he was among the best of teachers, the best of brothers, the best of sons, the best of uncles, the best of friends, and from everything I witnessed, the best of husbands to my sister, Toni. Herbie was a man that lived by what he preached. He was truly a great man of God. He showed kindness, true compassion, and love to all who knew him and more importantly, even to those who did not. From everything I witnessed over the past 50 years, he was a man of God, a true Christian, who lived by the words of the Biblical version of what Love Is! I saw Herbie close up and I always saw him live by what he preached. Herbie was a brilliant man and had so many interests. His artistic talent was amazing! Whether he was pursuing sculpting, painting, drawing, jewelry making, pottery, or photography, he excelled. Not only did he excel, but he always lovingly wove his faith and love of God into his art. He shared the art he loved so much with his students, the church, his friends, and his family. His interests were wide ranging, from fine chocolate to fine pieces of art, from playing a game of Bocci on a newly trimmed strip of lawn to watching a Miami Hurricane's baseball game. He enriched the lives of all who knew him by his willingness to share the things he loved with family and friends. I will always treasure the close relationship that he had with his families. He was a loving and incredibly involved Uncle, brother, brother-in-law, son, and husband to his family. Herbie was a great man, a genuine man of God that I feel privileged to have known. I will miss him dearly.

July 27 at 9:19 AM



**Kristen Summers** posted:

Uncle Herbie was such an incredible uncle and I am blessed to have grown up in his family. He truly delighted in having opportunities to connect with his nieces and nephews: speakers and garage sales with my brother, art and good food with me. I will never forget his thoughtful wine pairings for every holiday meal, him throwing my cousins and I in the pool after Sunday dinners, or him sitting down to teach me about how to improve my portrait drawings. He was creative and so incredibly talented - I am thankful to have the beautiful things that came out of his mind decorating my home and reminding me of him. Love to Toni, Geri, Kathy, and my dad. Thinking of you all.

August 3 at 4:46 PM



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GS

**Geri Summers** posted:

I met Herbie 62 years ago. He was 14. He told me he loved me from the minute he met me. He told me would change my diapers sometimes and even rock me to sleep. Anybody have a 14-year-old? Not many would be interested in taking care of their baby sister! That was Herbie: kind, compassionate, and willing to serve from the get go. All throughout my formative years and beyond, I was super shy and awkward. Herbie was always there to encourage me to participate in life. He took me everywhere with him...movies, restaurants, trips to Naples, church, etc. He really cared, and I knew that I had him in my corner. I will forever appreciate this. All of you who were in Palmetto youth group know Herbie was always looking for ways to help us learn the importance of helping others. If there was a need, he would round us up to fill it. Turkey dinners to families at holidays, painting elderly people's houses, singing at facilities, and so much more. I truly know that the path I chose in life (to serve others) was greatly influenced by my brother's example. Herbie was always interested in finding ways to contribute to the work that I did as a social worker. One of the things I remember most was when he had his students decorate boxes (the ones that reamed paper came in) for Christmas. He and the kids filled them with candy and toys for some of my families. One mother kept her beautiful box as a coffee table for years! Another family I worked with had a fire in their home, and they lost everything. One of the children lost his baseball collection. Next thing I know I get a care package for the family from Herbie and Toni and inside it was a notebook filled with baseball cards (some of them rare!). That kid was so appreciative, to say the least. Some of my best memories were the time he took the Palmetto youth group to a fancy restaurant (a seven-course meal with linen tablecloths!) for lunch, the "around the world" dinner, helping him put slide shows together, canoeing in the everglades, biking to Naples (well, almost), just sitting by the pool listening to him tell stories. I can go on and on. Thank you all for listening to me brag about Herbie. I have so much more I could say. But, as I try to sum this up, I think what I would say about Herbie is that he had a way of making everyone (no matter who you are or where you came from) feel loved, respected, and valued. His light, he shared with everyone. And for many of us, he gave us that light to carry with us. So, while you have left this earth, big brother, I promise to carry your light with me always...

July 27 at 9:19 AM

JP

**Judy Postmus** posted:

Such a lovely tribute to an awesome man. His light and love and kindness will be missed.

July 30 at 10:14 AM



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**Jackie Duron And Sara Gomez** lit a candle in honor of Herb.

Over the years we have heard so many wonderful things about Herbie from Geri, Judy, and Kathy. He seemed to be the kind of person that lit up a room. Sara and I were inspired by his kindness and love of life. May your favorite memories fill your minds and hearts as you remember him today and always. We send our deepest condolences.

July 27 at 3:07 PM



**Rita & Tim Edwards** lit a candle in honor of Herb.

May his memory be a blessing.

July 27 at 10:29 AM



**Geri Summers** lit a candle in honor of Herb.

July 27 at 9:19 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Herb by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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