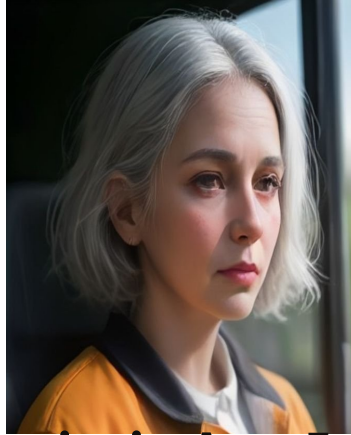




Marjorie Ann Lutz

March 8, 1953 - September 6, 2026

Columbus, Ohio

Marjorie Ann Lutz died in Columbus on September 6, 2026. She was seventy-three. Born there on March 8, 1953, she grew up knowing the bus as a neighbor and a schoolyard as a clock. She learned a route book before she learned a necktie. A schedule, she said, is a kind of promise to children who do not own a second clock.

She spent twenty-eight years driving a school bus, first on the early runs that caught the kitchen workers' kids, later on the routes that caught everyone else. She did not romanticize the work. She said a wet Friday was a country with its own weather. She taught younger drivers that a kneeling step is not a courtesy you skip when you are late, and that you do not leave a stop because a child is moving slowly. She kept extra mittens and a privately updated list of which houses actually had a light on.

She married Paul Lutz in 1975. They raised two daughters in a ranch house that needed a new furnace more often than they admitted. Paul kept the books for a cousin's garage. Marjorie packed lunches and considered an Ohio State Saturday a kind of holiday even when it was not. After she retired she still sat at the corner in January, out of habit, to watch the new driver.

Friends remember a woman who waited an extra breath for a child with bags, who could sit in a noise without making it a personality, and who left a coach cleaner than she found it. She loved a quiet porch at dusk, a glass of tea she did not finish, and the sound of a diesel that had decided to live. She died in Columbus, in the city whose routes had written her calendar. The line still starts. Someone else will open the door.

Services

Visitation in Columbus, then a simple service. A gift to a school-bus workers' fund or a neighborhood pantry is

welcome.

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