

**Holly Annette Troy (Brandes)**

**May 18, 2015**

**Age 61**

**Mount Vernon, Ohio**

Holly Annette Troy Brandes died on May 18, 2015 at age 61 in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

She was survived by her brother, Scott Troy, and her "sister," Linda Simon (R. Thomas), as well as her niece and nephew, Holly Cass (Dean) and Rob Simon (Susan). She was also survived by seven great nieces and nephews: Alex Bowman, Thomas Bowman (Brandi), Meaghan Bowman, William Cass, Ashley Simon, Hailey Simon, and Matthew Simon, as well as a great-great nephew, Stetson Bowman.

Holly was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Doris Vaughts Troy.

Holly began her college career studying nursing but graduated from Capital University in Columbus with a degree in English education. She was hired at Mount Vernon High School in August 1977 and spent her entire career of 35 years teaching English there until she retired in 2012. Holly specialized in tutoring students who only spoke English as a second language, helping scores of students graduate who most likely would not have otherwise done so. She spent many summers in England and Italy taking courses or working as a secretary. Holly was an avid reader; she loved Shakespeare, genealogy, her friends, and her cats. She truly loved everyone and was the quintessential teacher.

A friend recalled this about Holly's role as a teacher: "She was a fine teacher and a compassionate person who helped many students with difficulties over her long career. I hope she will be remembered and appreciated for all the good things she has done in our community."

And a former student praised her: "I had her as a teacher. My kids had her. She was wonderful."