

Missy Blair (Melissa Wyss) died June 21, 2022, supported by family, friends, and hospice staff. She was born in 1943 in Delaware, Ohio. She attended Mount Holyoke and married Hal Wyss on her 21st birthday in 1964. She received her BA and MA from Ohio State University. The couple had two daughters, Laura and Trudy. In 1970 the family moved to Albion, Michigan, when Hal was offered a professorship at Albion College.

Missy herself was a pioneer at Albion College, starting the first women's swim team and founding the College dance program, which grew into an academic minor and elective courses involving 100 students each semester. She especially enjoyed teaching ballroom dance and directing an annual dance show.

Missy and Hal were lifelong travelers, first crisscrossing the US by motorhome with their family each summer, adding cruises and guided tours as they grew older (including South Africa, Australia, and the Galapagos). Their favorite destination was Costa Rica.

Missy was a stalwart advocate for the town of Albion. She chaired Albion's Lifelong Learning program, started a committee to replace trees cut down in town, and supported many mainstays community groups and institutions. She is survived by her daughter Trudy (Chris) and five grandchildren.

