Marilyn Mansdoerfer was born May 20, 1935, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As a pastor’s wife, she traveled the country and lived in many states, but she remained loyal to the east, especially the East Coast seashore.

Mrs. Mansdoerfer adapted easily to new locations because, as she often said, her interests were “transportable.” She was an accomplished artist and thoroughly enjoyed music. She sang in every church choir and left her mark on the halls of many a Sunday school room with a variety of vividly painted murals.

Mrs. Mansdoerfer was the mother of four children and the grandmother of eight, but her love for children far exceeded the limits of her own family. Well into her middle age, she enrolled in college for the first time so that she could obtain a degree in early childhood education.

She inspired young children as a pre-school teacher and empowered adult women in her Bible study classes. She was a natural Teacher; who effortlessly blended education with her own brand of humor, creativity, and strong Christian values.