

Louise Fulton Bush



LOUISE FULTON BUSH (1906-1992), a Midwesterner with a doctorate from the University of Minnesota, was for most of her professional life a member of the Unitarian Church in Summit, N.J., where she was at different times Director of Religious Education, Organist, and President. Her interest in R.E. brought her to Star Island in 1949. She came back in 1950 with her husband, Maurice, and her children, Lois and John. For the rest of her life she was a committed Shoaler, as are her son John, his wife, Irene, and their family.

Professionally Louise was a marine biologist and an illustrator of biology textbooks. She was a member of the faculty of the Shoals Marine Laboratory from its beginnings on Star, continuing on Appledore as the only woman on the core faculty through the mid-seventies. Dr. J.B. Heiser, one of her former students, recalls that despite "the depths of stupidity our questions would reveal, . . . she always treated students with especial kindness, patience, and respect. She turned merciless, however, if we did not follow her into the water snorkeling, and so we all did."

During these years Louise continued her academic life in New Jersey, teaching in turn at Upsala College and Drew University. After her retirement from teaching, she moved to Falmouth, MA, where she pursued her research and publishing while supervising the Gray Museum at the Marine Biological Laboratories at Woods Hole. From 1979 through 1989 she attended Life on a Star with John and Irene's family.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Gifts in her memory were used to construct Grammy Louise's Annex for the children who come to Star Island.