

About Marie Marley, PhD

Dr. Marley holds a Bachelor's degree in Music (1972), a Master's in Music History (1975), and a PhD in Musicology (1978) - all from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

From 1978 – 2007 she was employed as a grant writer at the University of Cincinnati Department of Family Medicine. In April 2007, just a few weeks after Ed's death, she was offered a position as the grant writer at the American Academy of Family Physicians, the national society for family doctors, in Leawood, Kansas. Since she has been there, she has obtained nearly six million dollars in grants from national and international foundations, government agencies, and pharmaceutical companies.

During her long career she has written more than a hundred grants. They have resulted in funding in excess of thirty million dollars. *Come back Early Today* is her first foray into nonfiction. It is loosely based on an autobiography she wrote many years ago and a detailed daily journal she kept while Ed was living at the Alois Alzheimer Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She lives in Olathe, Kansas with her two Shih-tzus, Peter and Joey.