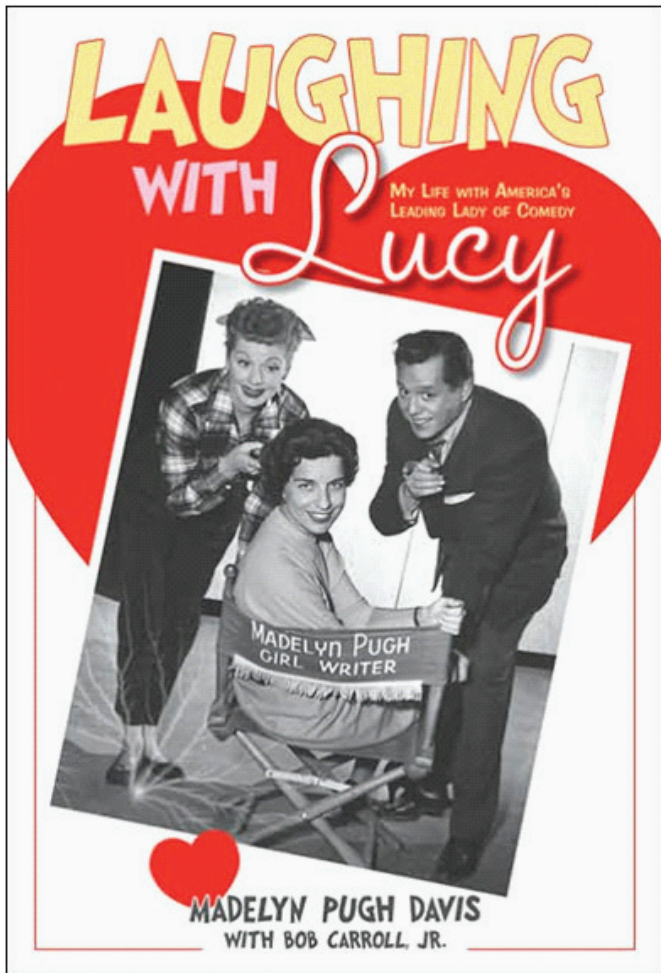


# MADLYN PUGH DAVIS



Madelyn Pugh Davis was born March 15th, 1921 in Indianapolis, Indiana. At 10 years old, Madelyn wrote her first play never dreaming that someday there would be a thing called television. Ironically, Madelyn Pugh Davis became the head writer for one of the biggest shows in television history, the *I love Lucy Show*.

Her Marion, Indiana roots began in 1964, when she married a well respected local doctor, Dr. Richard Davis. Their wedding was at the Hostess house and Madelyn moved from Hollywood, California to Marion, Indiana during the peak of her writing career to raise a family and write and live in her house in Shady Hills, which was designed by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright. While in Marion, she was often seen at the old Erma's restaurant (now Upper Crust Pizza) working with her writing partner of 50 years, Bob Carroll.

Madelyn Davis was a true pioneer for television and female writers. She was nominated for 3 Emmy's and wrote for some of the biggest names in Hollywood. She was credited in helping create the Lucy character for the legendary actress Lucille Ball. Madelyn's credits include: *I Love Lucy Show*, *The Steve Allen Show*, *Here's Lucy*, *Life With Lucy*, *The Paul Lynde Show*, *The Carol Channing Show*, *The Mother's-In-Law* and *Alice*, in which they won a Golden Globe for.

In 1966, her work brought the family back to Los Angeles, but her ties to Marion, Indiana remain strong as depicted in her book, *Laughing With Lucy*. Some of Madelyn's family relatives, like Tracy Davis Lester, remains in our community and lives down the street from Madelyn's old famed house in Shady Hills, which is on the National registry of Historic homes. Tracy's daughter's are highly talented and involved in the arts and keeps in constant contact with the legendary writer, Madelyn Pugh Davis.