Erma Bombeck (1927-1996) was a trailblazing humor writer, bestselling author and syndicated columnist who found and developed her writing voice as a University of Dayton student. Her papers were donated to the University Archives and Special Collections at UD and contain original manuscripts, columns, handwritten notes, correspondence, speeches, articles, photographs and memorabilia.

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