



## Mary Winona Fawcett

September 18, 1928 - October 23, 2017

Mary Winona Fawcett died this past Monday night October 23rd in the care of Genesis Hospice at the Morrison House in Zanesville. She was 89.

She leaves sons David and Darrel (Tina), grandson Bo, granddaughter Nikki (Dave) Ferrara, new great-granddaughter Rylee Ann, sister-in-law Fran Culbertson, and many important nephews and nieces scattered throughout the country.

Just weeks ago, in mid-August, Mary lost her husband and best friend Bryan after the two remained completely devoted to one another and rarely apart through nearly 68 years of marriage. Mary had first met Bryan Fawcett in 1943 when they were both sophomores in New Concord High School. The two quickly became a couple, graduated in 1946 and married in 1949.

The grief that followed Bryan's death apparently masked underlying symptoms of cancer that had returned from occurrences years earlier. Once the recurrence was revealed, and judged to be untreatable, her condition deteriorated rapidly and her end came within days. Mary had spent the last three years living, with husband Bryan, in the care of the Beckett House in New Concord. Her sons would like to express their deep gratitude to all those many individuals who provided care, comfort, and companionship that was so important to her, and indeed to both their parents in their final years, and who helped to ease them in comfort through their final days.

Mary was born in 1928 to Will and Winona Culbertson on the family farm situated between Claysville and Rix Mills. She was the youngest of four

siblings, and the only girl. Mary had fond memories of her early childhood years on the farm with her older brothers—Harry, Walter, and Wayne—even though their time together as a family was relatively short. By 1936, when Mary was just eight, the young Culbertsons had lost both their parents, and then their home and each other when the farm had to be sold, and the four of them went on to live in separate households with close family members. Mary remained with their stepmother Ethel and the two of them moved back to Claysville to what had been Ethel's family home.

After high school Mary went to school in Zanesville to get her cosmetology license. She then opened and operated her very own "Mary's Beauty Shop" on the second floor of the former Enterprise Co-op building on Main Street in New Concord. Though she left the work and sold the shop to devote herself to being a fulltime mother when her first was born in 1952, Mary loved recalling those days in the shop and the relationships she developed with the many women of the community who became her regulars and her friends.

In the late 1970s when her boys were gone from home, Mary answered a newspaper ad placed by an older Cambridge couple asking for housework and cooking help and went to work for Don and Hazel Agnew who became cherished friends as she helped them in their twilight years. Later Mary worked as a clerk for the Guernsey County Board of Elections for several years and again developed important and lasting friendships with her co-workers. She and husband Bryan were longtime members of the Guernsey County Republican Club.

Mary's faith was central to her life. She and Bryan were devoted lifelong members of the Claysville United Methodist Church where they were married. They conveniently lived next door to the church from the time they set up house together in the mid 50's and were there just about whenever the doors were open and the lights were on. The two served the church in various roles over the years—communion stewards, board members, Sunday School teachers, fill-in custodians—and they continued to attend faithfully as long as their health allowed.

More than anything else Mary, and Bryan as well, enjoyed and valued the people in their lives. They were very close to their brothers and sisters and their families and put high priority on time with them, and with other members of their extended families. They regularly attended and enjoyed the longstanding tradition of the Monroe reunion, Mary's family, on her mother's side. They remained lifetime friends with many members of their high school Class of '46, and had important friendships with fellow church members and community members throughout the area. Both, and Mary in particular, developed important relationships with other residents and the staff in the Beckett House which became their home in their final years.

Visitation will be at Bundy-Law Funeral Home on Friday, October 27, 2017 from 6 to 8 pm. Mary's funeral service will be held at Claysville United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 1 pm. Phillip Walker and Pastor Keith Taylor will officiate the service with burial to follow in Zion Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of one's choice. Mary's online tribute wall may be viewed and signed at [www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com](http://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Zion Cemetery

Claysville Road south of East Union  
Presbyterian Church  
Westland Township  
Claysville, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home  
120 North 11th Street  
Cambridge, OH 43725  
(740) 432-5705  
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<https://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com>

## Service

OCT **28**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Claysville United Methodist Church  
Claysville Road  
Claysville, OH

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time . Mary will truly be missed . I always enjoyed our long talks about life and things going on in the world . Mary was always concerned about others . She was wise on many subjects mainly in thanks to her love of reading . She was like a mother to many with her kind caring nature . She is missed . We will also miss seeing Daryl and David as they visited frequently . Caring for her was a honor .*

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**Becky LaCroix** - October 27, 2017 at 06:23 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Winona Fawcett.*



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October 26, 2017 at 03:51 PM

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“ *My sister & I grew up beside Mary & Bryan & their sons and Mary was like a second mother to me. She was the kindest, generous person I know and I'm going to miss her so much. Go with God, Mary. Janie Moore*

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**Janie** - October 26, 2017 at 06:50 AM

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“ *Don, Dee, & Josh LaFaber purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Winona Fawcett.*



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**Don, Dee, & Josh LaFaber** - October 25, 2017 at 07:16 PM