



## Vera Jo Ann Shaw

June 1, 1933 - November 2, 2017

Vera Jo Ann Shaw (nee Reed), 84, of Ocala, died November 2, at Legacy House Hospice after an extended illness.

A resident of Ocala for the past 19 years, Jo Ann was born June 1, 1933 in Caldwell, Ohio, the daughter of Bernard S. Reed and Vera L. Reed (nee McVicker). She grew up in nearby Cambridge where she graduated from Cambridge High School in 1951. She was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 1991.

Jo Ann was a talented musician, skilled artist and clothing designer, and an astute businesswoman. Over the years, she managed various retail clothing businesses, and owned a boutique while living in Norcross, GA. She even designed gowns for two Miss Ohio contestants.

Over her lifetime, Jo Ann shared her gift of music as a vocalist and pianist at her school, various organizations, and her churches. In Cambridge during the early 60s she was an original member of an all-female choral group known as the "Musigals."

Most recently she served as director of music at Countryside Presbyterian Church in Ocala. At Countryside, she also helped increase the size of the choir and started a hand-bell choir.

To honor her brother Bill, an Air Force pilot who was killed in action during the Vietnam War, and to advocate for families of soldiers missing in action, Jo Ann became active in the National League of POW/MIA Families. She served in various leadership roles, including national vice-chairwoman in 1997, and

formed local chapters in Georgia and Florida. In 1971, she represented the Ohio POW/MIA chapter as a delegate to the Geneva Convention Paris Peace Talks.

Jo Ann was preceded in death by her parents; son, Mark; husband, John; and brothers Jack, Gene, and William (Bill); and sister, Jane.

Jo Ann is survived by her dear friends, John and Susan Berry; nephews William Shaw, Jeffrey Reed, Douglas Reed, Samuel Reed, Robert Reed, Christopher Blazier; and niece, Jennifer Blazier- Summers.

A memorial service honoring Jo Ann will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Bundy-Law Funeral Home. Pastor Jeff Bergeson will officiate the service. She will be buried in Guernsey County Memory Gardens, Cambridge, alongside her husband, John, and their son, Mark.

Memorial contributions may be made to the; Unity Presbyterian Church, 130 N. Seventh St., Cambridge, OH 43725 or the Humane Society of Marion County, 701 NW 14th Road, Ocala, FL 34475. Jo Ann's online tribute wall may be viewed and signed at [www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com](http://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Guernsey Memory Gardens

St. Rt. 40 East  
Cambridge, OH

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home  
120 North 11th Street  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ We have wonderful memories of our times together  
With you in Cambridge growing up, when my brother, John,  
marriage to Jo Ann and visiting  
with family gatherings in Atlanta and Ocala. We'll  
Miss visiting Jo Ann in FL and hearing the beautiful  
music in the church in Ocala.

*Love Brother David Shaw and wife Betty*

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**David and Betty Shaw** - November 30, 2017 at 07:44 PM