



# Mary E. Miller

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**M**ary E. Miller, age 81, of Dresden, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday night, April 18, 2024.

Born on March 17, 1943, in Zanesville, Ohio, to Paul and Dorothy (Russell) Kirby, Mary was the epitome of steadfast love and practical wisdom. Her life painted a perfect portrait of nurturing care, evident not only in the fields of her beloved farm but also in the hearts of her students in the Tri-Valley School District.

Mary was a graduate of Adamsville High School and of Ohio University. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Pauline Wisecarver.

Mary was a devoted 4-H advisor for 25 years. She made significant contributions at the Muskingum County Fair, supporting her husband Gary's role on the board and playing a crucial role in the success of the Bossy's Jug dairy promoter program, which raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the participating individuals of the 4-H Dairy Program over its 45 years.

In recognition of her steadfast dedication to the agricultural community, Mary was honored with the Director's Award for Innovation and Excellence. Her leadership in the Bossy's Jug Auction was a highlight of her commitment to nurturing the next generation in the 4-H Dairy Program.

Mary was a dynamic part of her family farm's daily operations. She gathered eggs, baled hay, and was particularly skilled at handling the dairy and angus cows, ensuring they were trained to follow a lead. Her work ethic extended beyond the fields; she was meticulous in organizing household tasks, managing paperwork, and caring for her family.

Mary's artistic side was beautifully expressed in her ceramics. Her handcrafted pieces, known for their quality and beauty, were featured and sold at Bossy's Jug, a testament to her creative talents.



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As a passionate reader, Mary enjoyed mysteries, thrillers, and romance novels. Her sense of humor shone brightly during holidays, especially with her collection of dancing toys.

These gifts, which she loved to give and receive, captured her playful and caring spirit. Mary's love for her doll collection was another facet of her artistic expression. But Mary was much more than just a teacher or a farmer; she was the backbone of her family.

A reliable force of nature whose hands skillfully drove tractors, and tenderly wiped away tears. Her unmatched dedication to her family radiated strength and love, bolstering them through every challenge, and celebrating every triumph. As a mother, she poured endless love into raising her children, instilling values of kindness, diligence, and compassion that they carry with them to this day.

Her marriage to Gary, which took place on November 20th, 1965, was the foundation upon which they built a life full of love and partnership that lasted for 58 beautiful years. Mary was not just his partner; she was his soulmate. Their relationship was built on mutual respect, deep affection, and an unwavering commitment that stood as the cornerstone of their family, creating a life filled with laughter, lessons, and love-a testament to their enduring bond.

Mary's love served as the cornerstone of her home life, bringing warmth and richness to the days of her husband and their children: Terry; Jerry, alongside his wife Sandra; and Sharee, united with her husband Joe. The familial bonds extended with special affection to her nephews, Mike, Jimmy, and Jesse Wisecarver.

Her grandchildren-Garrette, Lucas, Jace, and Anne-were the recipients of her unwavering care and grandmotherly devotion, which left an indelible mark on their hearts and memories. The Miller family proudly embodies the life that Mary lovingly built and nurtured. Her legacy continues in the strength and unity of her family.

Visitation services will be held Wednesday, April 24, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Dresden Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, (714 Main St, Dresden, OH 43821). A celebration of her life will follow with a funeral service at 12:00 PM on Thursday, April 25, with Mr. William Meige officiating at this same location.



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Mary's final resting place will be amidst the pines of Zanesville Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, and in true Mary fashion, the family invites simple acts of kindness to be shared onto a neighbor, continuing the legacy of compassion that Mary championed every day.

Her giving spirit, her warm smile, her commitment to life in all its forms, will forever be remembered, forever be missed, and forever cherished.



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KS

**Kevin, Amy & Logan Spiker** posted:

Gary and family, Mary was a wonderful lady who was loved by many. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

April 24 at 10:26 AM

KV

**Kay L Vandebark** posted:

Mary was a good dairyman ( lady). We attended meetings and showed cows at fairs together. This is a shock to read. Kay and Dale Vandebark.

April 23 at 6:56 PM

MW

**Mona (Hatfield) West** posted:

Gary and family So sorry for your loss. I grew up in Adamsville and knew Mary all my life. Then became reacquainted with her through my work in later years. She lead a full, rich life. She is with you in spirit. Memories will keep her close.

April 23 at 3:34 AM

AJ

**Angie Johnson** posted:

Gary and family - My heart breaks for you. She truly was the best. I know life will not be the same without her here on earth. But know she has the best seat watching over everyone. Your memories of her, will last forever. Hugs to everyone.

April 22 at 8:50 AM

RL

**Randy And Joyce Lincicome** posted:

To Gary and Family, sorry to read of Mary's passing. Your family are in our prayers.

April 22 at 8:27 AM



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**Ruth Hanby Moreland** posted:

Mary and I were college roommates on the campus of Ohio University in Athens & attended the branch in Zanesville, Ohio. We have corresponded every year at Christmas. I always send a letter and pictures, but Mary never sent me a letter or any pictures to tell me about herself. Thank you for this beautiful eulogy of her life. I had no idea. I live in Indiana. I am so very sorry for your loss. I would love to be with your family, but I will not be able to attend. My husband, Gerald, is a minister and Chaplain at Heritage Point of Warren (retirement center) where we live and is fulfilling his last week of work this week with a celebration on Thursday, the 25th, and conclusion of this ministry on Sunday, the 28th (my 80th birthday). Your family will definitely be in my prayers. Ruth Hanby Moreland - 914 Mossburg Drive, Warren, IN 46792

April 22 at 6:34 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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