



Mary Ann Maxwell

April 4, 1927 - May 18, 2014

Mary Ann Gadbury was born April 4th, 1927, in Mexico City, Mexico, to Joseph Henry Gadbury and Frieda Johana Gadbury. Her father worked for the American Embassy, and her mother was a missionary. She moved up to the states and finished her education in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, attending Iowa Central Community College.

Some of her many professions include: newsroom proof reader, bookkeeper, assistant kindergarten teacher, writer, home builder, and design draftsman for the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. Throughout all this, her main job and interest was painting. She has painted portraits, murals in schools, countless landscapes, and many things dear to her heart. Her paintings can be found around the world.

Her main passion has always been the Lord. She has said, "I desire to always do my best and do it for the Lord and His glory – I love all He has created." When she retired from Los Alamos Labs she said, "Now I just want to help people." And she did!

She was married to Paul Bargar. Children are Toni Olson, married to Gary, of Omaha. Steven Maxwell, married to Teri, of Leavenworth, KS. Lanette Forck, married to Jim of Peoria, IL. Grandchildren are Jay Olson, Tiffany Koenen, Jason Forck, Nick Forck, Nathan Maxwell, Christopher Maxwell, Sarah

Maxwell, Joseph Maxwell, John Maxwell, Anna Maxwell, Jesse Maxwell, and Mary Maxwell. She had 17 great grand children.

Mary also lived in Rolla, Mo, where she married James Maxwell. Later she moved to White Rock, NM; Long Grove, IA; Peoria, IL; and finally to Omaha.

Visitation will be at Reichmuth funeral home Wednesday, May 21, 5:30 -7:30 pm. Services to honor Mary will be held at Streams of Life Lutheran Church (3506 N. 147th St. Omaha, Ne) at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 22rd. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Moody Bible Institute or the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ann Maxwell*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *From the few Gadbury's remaining in Fort Dodge. We are sadden to learn of Mary's passing. As a boy I do remember visiting the house and viewing her latest painting. She always had a lot of energy and enthusiasm for her projects or work she was doing.*

Neil Gadbury - May 25, 2014 at 10:32 PM



“ *To Mary's Family (especially Lanette!)*

I was sorry to read in the Fort Dodge Messenger today that your dear mother, Mary, passed away. My mother received Christmas cards from Mary each and every year. Mary was a very special person and we still have the portrait she painted of me when I was four or five years old.

It is very hard to lose your mother no matter what your age!

My parents lived in the Round Prairie neighborhood of Fort Dodge until they passed away. My dad lived to be 87 and my mother lived to be 90. My sister, Sue, lives in MN. She remembers Toni.

Lanette, I remember our carefree childhood days in the safety of the Round Prairie neighborhood of the 1960's. I hope you and your family are doing well and please know that you and your mother are not forgotten!

Sherri Kirkeby Schill

Sherri Kirkeby Schill - May 22, 2014 at 08:01 PM

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“ I worked with Mary when she was a tireless volunteer and employee at Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria, Illinois. She was the sweetest tiny little thing. Many lives have been touched by her and she will be missed.

Sharon Monn - May 22, 2014 at 07:53 PM

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“ I worked with Mary at Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Peoria in the late 90s. She was such a gentle and gracious woman who could be counted upon to do almost anything. A true servant, she will be missed but I celebrate her homegoing with her family.

Amy Summers - May 21, 2014 at 05:32 PM