



Mary C. Wonacott

October 31, 1925 - January 9, 2016

Mary C. Wonacott was born October 31, 1925, in Toledo, OH. She grew up in Toledo with her parents Albert Charles and Katherine Viola Shinaver, her brothers Chuck, Dick, Joe, and Russ, and her sister Margaret. She met her future husband Earl Wonacott when they were both students at Libbey High School in Toledo.

Mary worked at the downtown YMCA during high school, at the Libbey High School office after graduation, and then at Electric Autolite, where Earl had started his career. Mary and Earl wed on May 9, 1946, and contributed eight children to the Baby Boom: Carol, Mike, Nancy, Bob, Dave, Jim, Linda, and Mark. Mary focused full-time on her role as wife, mother, and homemaker from the early 1950s until 1975.

In 1975, Mary got back in the paid workforce as a computer typesetter at Quality in Toledo. In 1979, she took a position as auto parts catalog technician at Prestolite, the successor to Autolite, where Earl had continued his career in corporate advertising. After Earl's death in 1983, Mary accepted a job transfer and moved to Warwick, RI, as an auto parts catalog technician at FRAM. Mary retired in 1991. In 2010, Mary moved to Columbus, OH, where she celebrated her 90th birthday in October 2015.

After a short illness, Mary died peacefully at Riverside Hospital in Columbus,

OH, at 8:43 a.m., Saturday, January 2, 2016. Three of her sons and a daughter-in-law were at her bedside.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Earl, her daughter Carol Pancoast, her parents Katherine Viola and Albert Charles Shinaver, her brothers Chuck, Dick, Joe, Russ, and her sister Margaret Johnson.

Mary is survived by seven sons and daughters: Mike, Columbus, OH; Nancy, Seymour, IN; Bob, Columbus, OH; Dave (Cara), Swanton, OH; Jim (Laura), Blissfield, MI; Linda (Mike) Havican, Charlestown, RI; and Mark (Kerri), Boca Raton, FL.

She is also survived by many grandchildren and step-grandchildren: Donovan, Griffin, and Garrison Wonacott, Grove City, OH; Jon and Andy (David Root) Wonacott, Toledo, OH; Tommy (Krystale) Wonacott, Swanton, OH; Kady (Jason) Bustos, San Diego, CA; Sara (Joe Mockler) and Tyler (Jessica) Bechtel and Michael (Lindsay Sarno) and Kelly (Brandon Denealt) Havican, Warwick, RI; and Matthew (Taryn), Jensen, and Kaylie Wonacott, Boca Raton, FL; great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren Willow Wonacott and Christopher and Katherine Root, Toledo, O; Isaac and Madison Wonacott, Swanton, OH; Jocelynn Bechtel, Annelise and Lillian Mockler, and Aaliyah and Nathaniel Simas, Warwick, RI; and Eli Wonacott, Boca Raton, FL; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

The family will receive friends in a gathering at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High St., Worthington, OH, Friday, January 22, 4:00-7:00 p.m., and at Peinert Funeral Home, 7220 Dutch Rd., Waterville, OH, Saturday, January 23, 1:30-4:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
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Worthington, OH 43085
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Calling Hours

JAN **23**. 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Pienert Funeral Home
Waterville, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary C. Wonacott*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Nancy, I remember how kind & fun your mom was when she came to help you after surgery. I enjoyed meeting her..and I heard your voice in hers. I know you will miss her. Blessings to you.*

Becky Alexander - January 20, 2016 at 06:21 PM



Thank you, Becky, for your kind words. I am glad you were able to meet her. She will be so missed.
Nancy

Nancy Wonacott - January 25, 2016 at 08:22 PM



“ *I will miss Mary so. I enjoyed working on the board with her and am so grateful for the song books she put together for everyone. I'm sure they will be enjoyed by all here and we will think of Mary when we use them especially at the birthday parties which she was the person who started them. Her children have my deepest sympathy.*
Susie Latham

Susie Latham - January 15, 2016 at 03:08 PM

PS

“ Mary and I had some very pleasant chat sessions, both in her and my places. When I went to Brazil last year she wanted me to bring her something and when I wouldn't take any money for it she gave me a donation for my sister's work. I am so sorry I didn't get to see her after she went to the hospital. Mary started hosting a birthday party every month for the residents celebrating their birthdays that month. Her hope was to get more people out of their rooms and interacting with one another. I will think of her and say a little prayer every month when we sing happy birthday.

Patty Spires - January 14, 2016 at 05:56 PM

JC

“ Mike, I was so sorry to here about the passing of your mom. My condolences are with you and your family.

Judy Cohen

Judy Cohen - January 14, 2016 at 06:35 AM

YM

“ Your children: Mike, Nancy, Bob, Dave, Jim, Linda, and Mark purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mary C. Wonacott.



Your children: Mike, Nancy, Bob, Dave, Jim, Linda, and Mark
- January 12, 2016 at 09:06 PM