



## Mary C. Ryder Lashmett

October 22, 1921 - October 8, 2016

Mary C. Ryder Lashmett, 94, of Winchester passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016, at the Scott County Nursing Center in Winchester. She was born, Oct. 22, 1921, in Glasgow, the daughter of Joseph and Lora Ford Ryder. She married George A. Lashmett, Feb. 28, 1942. They lived their entire married life in Winchester. George preceded her in death, July 29, 2009.

Mary graduated from Winchester High School in 1941. After working for a time in Chicago, she returned to Winchester to marry George. They began their life together living in the river bottoms. She was a dedicated farmer's wife. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Mary was a member of the Winchester First Baptist Church where her church and community volunteering was unlimited. She was an early organizer of Girl Scouts, a Sunday school teacher, 4-H leader, and volunteer at the Scott County Nursing Center. She was a 69 year member of Homemaker's Ext. Metnicks Unit. She baked infinite amounts of cinnamon rolls and loaves of bread and shared them with many friends. She sent many handmade cards adding her special touch of pressed flowers and beautiful calligraphic words.

Surviving are three children, Thomas Allen Lashmett of Waterloo, Mary GeorgAnn (Dennis) Devino of Winchester, and Loree Mynae (Chalmer)

Herring of Winchester; nine grandchildren, Gordon Lashmett and Christinia Lashmett of Waterloo, Jason (Heather Tuckson) Devino of Bethalto, Dallas Lashmett, Dava Johnson, Darla (Davey) King, Dena (Thad) Walker all of Winchester, Clayton (Anne Peterson) Herring of Fairview Heights, and Erin Herring of Quincy; and eight great grandchildren, Hayley Lashmett of Springfield, Zach Lashmett of Waterloo, Mazi, Chaz, Zela, and Ozly Walker all of Winchester, Jaden Devino of Bethalto, and Dallen Lashmett of Winchester. Mary is also survived by a brother, Alfred Ryder "Speck" of Princeton, MO; a sister, Elizabeth "Sue" (Oliver) Loy of Medora; many nieces and nephews; and a multitude of friends. She was preceded in death by a son, David George Lashmett; brothers, Joe (surviving wife, Roberta) Ryder and Tom Ryder; and sisters, Catherine "Kate" Bowers, Clara Ryder, and Cordelia Vick.

Funeral services will be held 12:00 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016, at the Winchester First Baptist Church with interment in the Winchester City Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday after 2:00 p.m. with the family meeting friends from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Winchester. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church for the Free Lunch Monday Mission or the Winchester EMS.

# Cemetery Details

## Winchester City Cemetery

Cherry Street  
Winchester, IL 62694

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **12**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Winchester  
657 N. Main  
Winchester, IL 62694  
(217) 742-9553  
mackeydawsfuneralhome@yahoo.com

## Service

OCT **13**. 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
Winchester, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary C. Ryder Lashmett*

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January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *GeorgeAnn, Loree & Tom-Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. I have many memories of Mary at the Baptist Church and 4-H. Always so much fun.♥♥*

*Becky & Joe Dewees*

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**Becky Dewees** - October 12, 2016 at 03:21 PM

“ I was delivering a meal to Mary from Cornerstone Baptist Church, like I had done once a month for quite some time. I had a conversation with her, that I have wanted to share with her family, ever since.

When I arrived at the house, I noticed that I could not see her through the window at her kitchen table. This was not common, but not a first. I knocked. No one came to the door. Not common, but again, not a first. What was a first, I did not hear Mary calling me to come on in. I knocked again. No response. So, I opened the door, just a crack, and called out to Mary. I heard a faint voice, "In here. I'm in here." My heart raced, afraid of how I would find dear Mary. I found her lying on a couch in a room off of the kitchen. She said, " I just knew that you would be coming" I teared up. She knew that I would be there, because it was fried chicken Saturday. She was not feeling well. She had not remembered to keep her phone with her, and did not feel well enough to get to it. She had me call GeorgAnn. While we waited the short bit for GeorgAnn to come, we visited. When she was with family, I left. As soon as I got in my car, I wrote down the following words that Mary spoke to me....."I have never been down this road before. We are all heading this way, I know. But, "I" have never been here before. I must have thought, at one time not that long ago, that O' Mary would live forever. Well, here I am.....I am so thankful for my family, friends, the sheep and cows."

I had never heard it put so honestly. Why do we pretend to have it all together? We all come to points in our life's journey, that we have never been at before. It's OK. Just keep going, and remember to be thankful for the people, and the little things, along the way.

I am thankful for the friend that Mary was to my mom, Mary Summers, Rousey. Mary and Mom were classmates, and were friends always. I am also thankful for the impact that Mary had on my outlook on trials.

God Bless, and Comfort you all,  
Bobbi Jo Smith

**Bobbi Jo Smith** - October 12, 2016 at 02:26 PM

JR

“ *Aunt Mary was a great lady! Since her and our dad's mother died so young she took over the job of being our Illinois Ryder "Grandma". We enjoyed the Christmas packages she would send each year. She and our mother exchanged many, many, many handwritten letters - hard to imagine in these technical times.*

*Cousin Dee Dee mentioned our visits in the more recent years - so very special to sit and visit and hear her stories and connect as family. And to get a big, almost bone crushing hug from her!*

*I too have a teenage memory. George, Mary and Loree were visiting us in Washington. Aunt Mary and I were walking down a street and I made some fuss about having a spot on my clothes. She said in that way she had, "Oh, just walk fast and no one will notice." We laughed. I have used that saying throughout my life to remind myself and others not to worry about the small stuff.*

*My prayers are with you dear cousins and I will be thinking of you especially on Thursday when you have the service. Wish Washington was not so far away and that I could come.*

*Praising God for a life well lived!*

*Jane Ryder*

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**Jane Ryder** - October 11, 2016 at 10:32 PM

BH

“ We wish we could be with all of you and give you hugs. Your family was like a second family to us in the truck pulling days. We all had so much fun...Mary was always in the kitchen making breads and everything good for all of us with a smile and a story. We have many found memories of hanging out at the house with all of you.  
Love to the Lashmett's  
From the Engelbach's and the Hudson's

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**Barb Hudson** - October 11, 2016 at 03:17 PM

DS

“ *This is for wonderful Mary:*

*I will never forget how Mary taught me how to bake cinnamon rolls. I can still hear her telling me to punch down the dough and how to do the icing. I did take the recipe all the way across the ocean to Germany. And ever since family and friends enjoy them whenever I get to bake Mary's cinnamon rolls.*

*More than twenty years ago I was an exchange student from Germany at Winchester High School. After graduation Mary invited me to stay at her home and I spent the summer with her and George. I am so thankful for that time and I will always appreciate her kindness and heartfelt hospitality. She showed and taught me so many things and I treasure many happy memories of those days. We kept in touch ever since and exchanged many precious cards, letters, and photographs. She always let me be part of the community even though I was so many miles away.*

*Mary will always be in my heart.*

*My thoughts and blessings are with her family and friends.*

*Dr. Amrei Schroeder and family, Germany*



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**Dr. Amrei Schroeder** - October 11, 2016 at 09:35 AM

JT

“ *Mary was a terrific lady--she was always friendly to everyone. My condolences go out to Lori and her family.*

*Judy Teaney*

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**Judy Teaney** - October 10, 2016 at 11:16 PM

JC

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers,*

*JoAnn Chumley & The All Occasion's Staff*



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**JoAnn Chumley** - October 10, 2016 at 09:26 AM

CF

“ My condolences to you all at this time of grief. Aunt Mary was a hoot! She was her own person and I loved her so much for that. I wish I could have visited more in the last few years. I have Jane Ryder to thank for the times I was able to get up there with her. I wanted to narrow down the memories to just one and it is as follows: I came to visit way back in the "old house" when I was in high school, I think it was, with my horse back riding experience acquired and asked to ride the neighbor's horse. This horse hadn't been ridden in some time and I was warned but undanted. I got up in the saddle and about a minute later was bucked off, landing on my hip. Poor, Aunt Mary took me to the hospital and I was told to "hop up on the table" for my x-ray by the technician. The results were nothing was broken but I never heard anything but comfort from Aunt Mary and the usual jokes to lift my spirits. I was left with a huge bruise as a reminder for a few weeks of my escapades at "The Farm" in Winchester. God Bless you Aunt Mary. Loved your caligraphy and have many memories looking back on those cards throughout the years.

Cordelia "Dee Dee" Vick Foley

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**Cordelia Foley** - October 10, 2016 at 08:24 AM