



## Collier Virginia Mary

November 13, 2009

Mary Virginia Collier December 18, 1922-November 13, 2009 Mary Virginia Collier passed away on November 13, 2009 at age 86. She was born in Leipsic, Ohio on December 18, 1922 to George and Pearl Tawney, and was youngest of five siblings. Virginia married her loving husband John P. Collier, June 20, 1948, he survives. She is also survived by sons John S. (Laurie) and Steven (Annette); daughters Connie (Judy) and Kim (Ellen); grandchildren (Lynsey, Lauren, Katelyn, David, Adam, John, Emma, and Owen); great grandchildren (Zane and Annika); brother-in-law Wayne Collier; and sister-in-laws Louise Tawney and Jean Collier. Her brothers Don, Doyle, and Dwight Tawney, sister Doris Smith, and grandson Mathew Collier preceded her in death. Virginia attended primary grades in a one room school, where her sister Doris was her first teacher. She was a 1940 graduate of Hamler High School, where she was a cheerleader and basketball player. She attended Ohio Northern and graduated from Lima Memorial School of Nursing (1944). Nursing was her calling. She served as a registered nurse at Blanchard Valley Hospital for 30 years. Her passion was caring for others. Friends, family, and strangers benefited from her generous gifts of time, energy and love. She served as board member for Henry County American Cancer Society and Henry County Board of Health. She was a long time volunteer for American Red Cross Bloodmobile, Henry County Hospice, and vaccination clinics. She was Volunteer of the Year for American Cancer Society, Henry County Friend of Public Health; and Grand Marshall of the Heritage Days parade. She was a member of Eastern Star Chapter #68 and Oakdale Methodist Church. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at Oakdale United Methodist Church, Deshler, with Pastor Amy Haines officiating. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Deshler. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Mathew S. Collier Memorial Scholarship Fund. Online condolences can be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *A Nurse's Prayer, Let me dedicate my life today to the care of those who come my way. Let me touch each one with healing hand and the gentle art for which I stand. And then tonight when day is done, O let me rest in peace if I helped just one.....* **Barbara Graham**”

November 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Kim, Well its been a long time. I hope this note finds you well. I am so sorry your mom has passed away . I know these life changes are not easy ,I lost my dad 10 years ago. Watching my mom age is difficult. I was remembering when we would play softball and our parents would come to our games. Im not sure who enjoyed them more, our parents or us. Take care Kim, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Pam (Mawer)Nicholson* **Pam (mawer) Nicholson**”

November 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



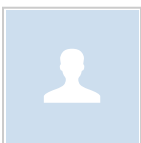
“ *Connie and Family,My thoughts and prayers go out to you during this sad time in your lives. This quote is one of my favorites - Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy. ~Author* **Sue Barker**”

November 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for you loss. I remember when my mother was in Blanchard Vally and Virginia was at that time retired, but she put on her unifrom and came to the hospital and tole me to go home. She sat with mom all night a and owuld not let me pay her, so Bob sent her a dozen roses. Wonderful, careing lady. Truly in the right profession.* **Judee Suber**”

November 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss* **Ty Dean Miller Family**”

November 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM