



## Mary Frances Dobbins

July 13, 1965 - December 24, 2013

Mary Frances Dobbins, 48, of Urbana, died at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 23, 2013 in Springfield Regional Medical Center, Springfield.

She was born on July 13, 1965 in Hillsboro, OH, the daughter of Charles Marvin and Martha Jane (Norris) Whiting. Mary was a 1983 graduate of Wilmington High School and worked as office manager at Dayton Physicians in Englewood. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Lynchburg where she sang in the choir, and then moved to Urbana and joined Grace Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday School.

Mary enjoyed sewing, cooking and socializing, always spread goodness wherever she went and never met a stranger.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Russell "Russ" Dobbins of Urbana; her mother, Martha Wait of Hillsboro; 3 sons, Stephen Henize of Richmond, KY, Erick Henize of Mason, OH, and Benjamin Henize of Lynchburg, OH; a stepdaughter, JoEllen Musselman and husband Luke of Philadelphia, PA; a stepson, John Dobbins and wife Holly of Washington; 2 grandchildren, Lillian Grace Henize and Harper JoAnna Henize; 3 sisters, Georgie Miller and husband Paul of Lynchburg, Pam Keaton and husband Andy of Lynchburg, and Sally Alegria and husband Daniel of Corpus Christi, TX; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father in April 2010.

The family will receive friends from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, December 28, 2013 at Grace Baptist Church, 960 Children's Home Road, Urbana, where a service will be held at 11 a.m. with Pastor Aaron Samples officiating. Burial will follow in the New Vienna I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Vienna, OH, with Pastor Samples and Pastor Robert Miller officiating over a graveside service.

Contributions in Mary's name may be made to the Grace Baptist Church Missionary Fund.

The family is being served by WALTER & SMITH FUNERAL HOME, Urbana. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.walterfunerals.com](http://www.walterfunerals.com).

# Cemetery Details

## New Vienna IOOF Cemetery

New Vienna, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Baptist Church  
960 Children's Home Road  
Urbana, OH

## Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Baptist Church  
960 Children's Home Road  
Urbana, OH

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ Dear Russ and family,  
Dan and I will miss Mary in the choir, church  
and helping Janet in her first grade Sunday  
School Class. We had many sweet talks on the  
phone and texting. She knew we liked  
mushrooms and it was a treat when she  
brought us some this past Spring. I know Mary loved the Lord and  
she is sitting at the right hand of our Father now. She told me many  
times she would like to borrow my clothes because she liked my  
style. Now she has on a garment of righteousness. Someday Mary  
and I will sing in a heavenly choir together and I will not have to ask  
her to help me get on key because we will all be perfect and have  
no pain or sorrow. Thank you Jesus for that promise.  
Russ it is an encouragement to Dan and I to see you faithfully in  
church and watch you grow in the Lord.  
Because He Lives,  
Love in Christ, Dr. Dan and Janet Kaffenbarger



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Dan and Janet Kaffenbarger - January 04, 2014 at 09:58 PM

SM

“ Pam, Georgie and Sally,  
I am so sorry for your loss.  
Sheri McIntosh

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Sheri McIntosh - December 30, 2013 at 11:05 AM

NE

“ May God's peace calm your hearts at this time of need. I enjoyed  
many conversations with Mary, and one thing is sure...she loved her  
boys and her grand babies! I am so sorry for your loss.

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neal - December 27, 2013 at 09:01 PM

SJ

“ When we were kids, Mary and I were pretty close. We both liked to watch the Incredible Hulk on Friday nights. I would call her and we would watch it while we were on the phone. I'd say something silly and she would laugh like it was the funniest thing she had ever heard. Mary was very special to me. I am so sad that I have lost not only a cousin but a true friend. She was a better person than I could ever dream to be and knowing that she is no longer with us is very hard for me to get my head around. I do know that she is in a better place now and that makes it easier.

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**Sherri (Norris) Johnson** - December 27, 2013 at 08:47 PM



“ I am a cousin of Charles Whiting. I just wanted to send condolences to the whole family.

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**Marilyn Whiting** - December 27, 2013 at 06:56 PM

RM

“ Georgie and family..May the grace and peace of God be with all of you.

*Roseanna McNeal*



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**Roseanna McNeal** - December 27, 2013 at 12:31 PM



“ Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Dobbins.



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December 27, 2013 at 12:11 PM

CR

“ We are praying for you all in Philadelphia. God bless your beautiful family. Love from the Roberts.

Chris Roberts - December 27, 2013 at 07:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Dobbins.



December 27, 2013 at 07:20 AM

MW

“ Very special Lady with a beautiful smile. Feel blessed to have known her.

Melodie Wilkin - December 27, 2013 at 04:51 AM

 Andrea Johnson

“ a month and a half before my wedding, when most of my family and church family were lacking support for me and my fiance, i found some in mary. i didn't seek it; she pulled me aside at my niece's wedding, somehow knowing my inner unhappiness about the situation, and gave me some very kind and thoughtful advice that i will always cherish. she told me that she knows what it's like to be on the outside looking in at those with whom you used to be, and what it's like to not be the "golden child" anymore. she told me to do what i feel is right, not what others think, because it is my life and my relationship with God. i was, and am, so very grateful for her doing that for me. i didn't know mary well at all. there was an age gap between us and i was young for most of her membership at Faith Baptist church. i do recall a few times she came to town, and she was always so sweet and inclusive and showed great joy at greeting me and others. i wish this were different; that instead of mourning Mary, we were celebrating her. but at least we can find the comfort that she spread in the world and know that she is no longer in turmoil, but in heaven with her Savior.

Andrea Johnson - December 26, 2013 at 07:34 PM

LC

I too didn't know Mary that well, but she was my neighbor for a short time while she was going thru difficult times. You couldn't tell it because of her friendly ways, I'm glad she was there for you. God puts people in your life in the right moments. She was a very good Christian woman and gave good Christian advice. God bless Mary and all the family and friends that loved her. I am thankful to have known her.

Linda Chipperfield - December 27, 2013 at 11:38 AM

PK

Mary always was and always will be the "golden child."

Pam Keaton - December 28, 2013 at 02:41 AM

AM

“ Amy lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Dobbins



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amy - December 26, 2013 at 05:58 PM

AM

“ Uncle Rusty. I'm so sorry for your loss. i will keep you and the family in my prayers

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amy - December 26, 2013 at 05:52 PM