



Mary McVay

September 20, 1929 - November 27, 2025

Our beloved mother, Mary McVay, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, November 27. Mom was 96, formerly of Hedrick, and has most recently lived at the Manor House.

Mary K. Black, daughter of Robert L. and Ora Kathleen (Putnam) Black, was born September 20, 1929, in Des Moines, Iowa. She was a graduate of Des Moines Roosevelt High School in 1948. As a young woman, she spent many hours riding horses at Water Works Park in Des Moines. She enjoyed playing the accordion and worked at Younkers for a period of time. She took pleasure in her artwork as well as being the dance partner for the Val-Air dance instructor during her teen years. She then attended Drake University & Iowa Wesleyan College, and met Larry "Pete" McVay in 1950, and they were married on September 2, 1951, in Des Moines, Iowa.

They made their home in Ottumwa, Hedrick, Pella, and Trenton, Missouri, before settling in Hedrick in 1962. They remained in Hedrick until 1994 and moved to Ottumwa, and later to Fremont and to Oskaloosa in 2003. Mary has lived in Sigourney Assisted Living since February of 2016, and most recently, the Manor House in Sigourney, Iowa

Mary was a member of Hedrick United Methodist Church and later the Fremont United Methodist Church, Women's Groups within the Church. Past

member of O.E.S. in Hedrick and Artist Club in Ottumwa, Iowa. Mary enjoyed her gift of being an artist, as she excelled in freelance artwork, having painted many portraits, and later enjoyed painting old barns. She won several Best Of Shows for her art and various competitions at Regional Art Shows, County Fairs, and the Iowa State Fair.

Mary's family includes her three children and spouses: Gary McVay of Libby Montana; Connie and Andrew Hansen of Des Moines, Iowa; and Rhonda and Mike Foubert of Delta, Iowa; her five grandchildren: Alyssa Fernandez; Michael (Tawny) McVay; Hillary (Tom) Kinsinger; Chris Hansen; Jessica Foubert; and six great grandchildren: Benjamin & Evangeline Kinsinger, Elly & Ayden Stiller, and Maggie & Nellie Warden.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband Larry "Pete"; one brother (stillborn), Robert Black; and one sister, Margaret Cowden.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Pastor Mike Sereg officiating. Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until service time on Tuesday. Burial will be in Van Orsdall Cemetery near Ollie. Memorial contributions can be made to the Fremont Community Church.

Cemetery Details

Van Orsdall Cemetery

290th Street
41.235381, -92.156371
Ollie, IA 52576

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Tribute Wall



“ While she resided at the care center, we held a Valentine’s Day King and Queen vote. I may have quietly added Mary’s name a few extra times because she deserved that crown—and she wore it well- a true Queen!
Mary loved to dress nicely, always adorned with her jewelry, and she never lacked a story as long as there were ears willing to listen. Mary was truly special- I’m truly grateful for the time I got to spend with her.
So sorry for your loss—sending prayers and heartfelt condolences to the family.

Tabitha Gokey - December 21, 2025 at 12:33 AM

JP

Our sympathies to the McVay family

Joyce prough - December 23, 2025 at 12:20 PM

GK

“ Geraldine Cavin's Kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary McVay.

Geraldine Cavin's Kids - December 10, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary McVay.

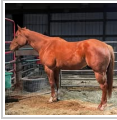


December 10, 2025 at 05:20 PM

JD

“ *My brothers and sisters and I enjoyed visiting with Mary when we came to see our Mom, Geraldine Cavin at the Manor House. They shared a room for a few years. We are sorry for your loss. Mary was quite a character! A quick wit and great humor. A nice lady we will miss.*

Jane & McGee Deitrich - December 10, 2025 at 05:14 PM



Your Mom was the biggest blessing to Mom and all of us. We could not have asked for a better friend and roommate . We loved Geraldine and enjoyed seeing all of you as well

Rhonda Foubert - December 15, 2025 at 01:29 PM