



Mary Alberta Favinger

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Mary Alberta Favinger, age 92 of Pot Nets Bayside, died Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, Delaware where she received compassionate and loving care in her final days.

Alberta was born in Swedesboro, New Jersey, the daughter of Albert and Magdalene Drew. The family moved to Delaware in 1933 and put down roots in Sussex County.

She worked at H. P. Cannon and Son (Bridgeville); owned her own floral shop, The Flower Pot Shop. She was employed by the State of Delaware, Division of Public Health, from which she retired.

Music was a common thread in her life. At an early age she sang in school musicals and was the first female drum major of the Laurel High School Marching Band. She and her brother, Eddie Drew, had their own musical radio show on station WSAL, The Drew Duo. She played many musical instruments, but especially liked the piano and Hammond Organ. She helped to organize the first Bridgeville Lions Club musicals and sang in many of them. She was the Choir Director at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Seaford for many years and later sang in the Choir and played the organ at Mary, Mother of Peace Church in Oak Orchard. She organized the Chorus at Cape Henlopen Senior Center and directed their annual talent show for five years. During this time she started a band, Three Hits and a Miss, for which she played the keyboard. This band played professionally in the area for many years and volunteered many hours of their talent to various organizations.

Alberta was a proud member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department, which she joined in 1940 and is still a member. She spent many hours raising money for the Fire Department, cooking tons of dumplings for dinners, and marching in parades all over the State. She was also a fire radio operator for the Department. She served as Treasurer and President of the Sussex County Ladies Auxiliary. In 1962 she was elected President of the Delaware Volunteer Fire Association Ladies Auxiliary.



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In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband William Robert Favinger in August 1988. She is survived by her children: Meehris McGlaughlin, Thomas Smith, Judy Hitchner, Robert Favinger Jr., and Harold Favinger. There are seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She will be missed by many special friends including Dr. John and Ivanka Hefferman and Valerie Pescova.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Charles Hergenroeder, C.Ss.R. on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 532 East Stein Highway, Seaford, DE. Interment will follow at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Seaford. Friends may visit with the family on Monday, April 18, 6 PM to 8 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Hardesty Chapel, 202 Laws Street, Bridgeville, DE.

Please visit Mrs. Favinger's Life Memorial at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com to sign the online guest registry.

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BW

Brian Warnet posted:

Bob, I am very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I pray that God gives you comfort during the coming weeks.

May 2 at 8:00 PM

DK

Dan Kiley posted:

I met Alberta after going to work for Bob in the State Fire Marshal's Office, only to find out that they were friends and neighbors of my friends, the Lenza's in Pot Nets. Alberta was always very kind to me and remained a friend for all the years after Bob's passing. I was deeply honored that she asked me to speak at Bob's funeral in 1988. Hardly a time went by when I was visiting in Pot Nets that I missed saying hello and getting a big hug from her. She was quite a lady and we were all the better for knowing her. My most sincere sympathy to Alberta's family

April 17 at 8:00 PM

SL

Shelly Ludden Lambert posted:

Bob, I will always remember the summer days, fishing off the dock for crabs at Pot Nets. Love and Miss you, Shelly

April 17 at 8:00 PM

HF

Harold L. Favinger posted:

She is with dad now and they will be together for eternity. Hal & Kay Favinger

April 17 at 8:00 PM

ML

Marilyn Ludden posted:

To Robert Favinger Jr. Bob, I am so sorry about your Mom. She was Loved by many. I remember her kindness and sense of humor. Please contact me as soon as you are able. My phone number is 302-674-2704. Love and Prayers, Marilyn Ludden 998 Artis Drive Dover, DE 19904

April 17 at 8:00 PM



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BL

Bette Lenza posted:

A great neighbor and a wonderful friend.

April 16 at 8:00 PM

MT

Michael Trice posted:

MY Great GrandMother Always Brought Joy,Love,and encouragement wherever she went. She always emphasized dignity,mannners,and respect to my sister and I,and her entire family.She fills my heart with a sense of pride no words can express.She will always be missed.Rest In peace Grandma,We all Love You

April 15 at 8:00 PM

JS

Jennifer Smith posted:

I loved Alberta Even though i didn't know her that long. I just was amazed by her great depression stories and how lively and cool she was. She was the oldest person I ever met. I had alot of respect for her and I will miss her kindness.

April 15 at 8:00 PM

LP

Lisa Parker posted:

I was VERY blessed for having such a wonderful great-grandma like you and all the great times we've shared. You will always be extremely missed and NEVER forgotten. Too many words to describe how much you ment to Me, Mike and your great-great grandson Nicholas. Just hope I can be half the woman you were.

April 15 at 8:00 PM

BF

Bob & Debbie Favinger posted:

Mom you will be missed and I will always remember the "good" times at Pot Nets with family and friends.

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DJ

Dottie Faye Isenhower Johnson posted:

Hello Bobby, Howie, and Judy. I didn't see Georgie's name mentioned in the obit; is he still with us? Hope you are all doing well.g

April 15 at 8:00 PM

DJ

D. Johnson posted:

Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your loved one. Losing someone in death can be very painful. Please rely, as would Mrs. Favinger, on the written word of God. Two comforting scriptures that come to mind are 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 and Psalms 18:6. It is comforting to know that God has made provisions to end death (Rev 21:4) and resurrect those sleeping in death (John 5:28,29).

April 15 at 8:00 PM

LG

Latusha Gresham posted:

Favinger familyPlease accept my deepest sympathies. May you find comfort in knowing that one day death will be no more. This is a promise from God. May this console you during your time of loss. (Rev. 21:4)

April 15 at 8:00 PM

TW

Tracey Weaver posted:

I am sorry for your loss, I can remeber being at my Grandparents (The Lenza's) home as a child and organ putting me to sleep at night.

April 15 at 8:00 PM

LW

Leolga T. Wright posted:

Miss Alberta was a very nice lady that I met through the fire service. While she was officially a member of Bridgeville Ladies Aux., she rode with the crew from Indian River to many county meetings. We were honored to be a part of her fire service family and enjoyed her company. Never one to complain, she always had a beautiful smile. We will miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May your memories help sustain you as you prepare to say farewell to your loved one.

April 14 at 8:00 PM



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JM

Jack, Mary Beth And Matthew Mccreary posted:

Our deepest sympathy goes to Alberta's family and friends. She was a wonderful person and will be dearly missed.

April 14 at 8:00 PM

DT

Diane Stephany Thomas posted:

Very sorry for you loss. Deepest sympathy, Diane

April 14 at 8:00 PM

HE

Heatherflores posted:

you will be missed greatly most of my childhood memories were filled with happy times of me and Lisa playing and spending time with you

April 14 at 8:00 PM

PM

Peggy Murphy posted:

My sincerest condolences on the passing of "Bert".I worked with her at the Division of Public Health Laboratory in Dover. I was very young when I started there working there and along with the other ladies in the office, she took me under her wing. I affectionately called her "Mother Favinger".She was truly a great and gifted person. She loved her family, music and assoication with the fire department.She will be sorely missed by anyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

April 14 at 8:00 PM

BF

Bill Falasco posted:

Our thoughts are with the Favinger family. Bill and Tammy

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KM

Kim Hitchner Mccafferty posted:

A very special lady indeed...I have many fond memories of her, and she will be greatly missed!

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Robyn Saxton Comegys posted:

To Bob Favinger....very sorry to hear of your loss.

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Judy Hitchner posted:

She will be sorely missed. She was a wonderful person and a great lady. She was truly loved.

April 13 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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