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**D**ECATUR- Mary Chabot, 93, of Vero Beach, Florida, formerly of Decatur, passed away quietly in her sleep with her family at her bedside.

Mary (Nee) Walsh, was born 14 March 1918, in Boston, Mass, the daughter of John Thomas Walsh and Johanna Clare Corcoran. While raising her family, Mary's many varied interests ranged from art and the humanities to decorating. In her middle years she studied and became proficient at oil painting, stenciling, and toll painting. Previously she was active in decorating and furniture restoration, braided rug making, cross-stitch and embroidery. During her life Mary supported the arts, attending many art and photography shows, theater, and varied musical performances. Well-read, Mary enjoyed the classics as well as her ever present latest 'Murder Mystery' books she kept nearby. Always active until a few years ago, Mary previously enjoyed Golf as well as ocean swimming then lately walking when she could. She was a devout Catholic, active in church at Holy Cross of Vero Beach, Florida, and St Thomas of Decatur, Illinois, her two residences until recently. Through the years Mary was also always proud of her Irish background and their varied culture. Mary also believed strongly in civic duty, working several years as a volunteer Poll worker during local elections. Mary loved traveling and was always up for a trip, especially visiting her children and families throughout the U.S., traveling with two friends to Australia and New Zealand at age 80, and later attending Bronson Mo. for a Country music week. Later she enjoyed a cruise through Europe with her daughter Suzanne and son-in-law Matt McCormick in 2005. Lifelong, Mary's main hobby interests focused on Bridge playing and flower gardening, active in clubs at both her residences. In 2009 Mary won an award for an orchid she grew, given out by the Vero Beach Orchid club. Always an animal lover, Mary tended several farms for many of her earlier married years, while taking care of five children, as her husband traveled weekly for business. Mary maintained many pets throughout her



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life, such as 'Tommy-Girl' her latest beloved cat. She married Fred R Chabot (Deceased Jan 1988) July 1946 and enjoyed many happy wedded years.

Mary is survived by her five children, Sons: Lance (Niceville, Fl.), Dennis (Williamsburg, Va.) Ronald (Urbana, Il.) and Daughters: Suzanne (Vero Beach, Fl.) and Clare (Aptos Hills, Ca.); Six grandchildren: Chris, David, Sara, Micah, Tommy and Rebecca; and two great grandchildren; Bailey and Ziva.

Mary will always be remembered for her wit, friendly demeanor, optimistic outlook and boundless energy. She will be missed by all who have known or met her throughout her long life.

Services celebrating Mary's life will be 11:00 am Thursday, April 28, 2011 in Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour prior to service in the funeral home. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery.

The family of Mary Chabot is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the on line obituary and send condolences to the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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PI

**Pam Strate Ingram** posted:

Ron, Just received the news today about your mom. So sorry for your loss. Your mom and my parents had many good times together. I remember what an avid reader your mom was. I am sure that your mom and mine are chatting up in heaven! Their conversations at your mom's home cracked me up!! I am in Connecticut at my son's home, but know that my thoughts and prayers are with you since I cannot be there for visitation. Is there an organization chosen for memorial contributions? Please advise. Fondly, Pam Strate Ingram

April 28 at 9:02 AM

AL

**Anne & Jerry Laughlin** posted:

Ron and family Please accept our condolences on the loss of your Mother. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during your period of grieving. In God's blessing, Anne & Jerry

April 27 at 3:34 PM

DC

**Dave Chaney** posted:

Ron... So sorry about your loss. Juanita and my thoughts are with you in this stressful time... Best Regards... David and Juanita/MHS '67

April 27 at 2:27 PM

RW

**Ruth Ann Bankson & Ruth Ward** posted:

What a wonderful person Mary was. She was a great friend and neighbor to Mom for many many years and will be truly missed. On the 24th of January we spend a few hours visiting with Mary and enjoyed her stories and looking through family pictures. We took pictures that day and sent a couple back for her to enjoy. Thank you for letting us share her life, and a bit of your own as well. Love, Ruth Ward and Ruth Ann Bankson

April 27 at 10:27 AM

DD

**Diane Deluca** posted:

Clare and family, so sorry to hear about your Mom. She has gone to a better place. My condolences.

April 27 at 8:05 AM



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**Evelyn Rowley** posted:

I was so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. My sincere sympathy to her entire family.

April 26 at 7:21 PM



**Marlynn Chabot** posted:

Of all the many blessings Mary had throughout her long life, I know she considered her children and grandchildren the greatest of all. Carol, Gary, Matt, Pam, and I are fortunate to have had her as our mother as well – I know I love her as much as I do my own. Mary was warm, generous, caring, and always cheerful and fun! I am thankful I knew her; I am thankful she is at last back home with Fred, and at peace. I send my love and condolences to all the family. Love, Marlynn

April 26 at 2:40 PM



**Diane Chabot Pard** posted:

On behalf of the *Association des Chabot* please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family, relatives and friends. Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this moment of painful loss!

April 26 at 11:14 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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