



## Mary Helen Scovel

March 25, 1926 - October 29, 2018

Mary Helen Gardner Scovel passed away under the care of Pathways Hospice and the staff at Good Samaritan Village on October 29, 2018. She was 92 years old.

Mary was born on March 25, 1926 in New Hampton, Iowa, to Charles and Lydia (Neely) Gardner. She was the youngest of six children, with older brothers Guy, Fred, Forest, Bill, and Bob, all of whom preceded her in death. She graduated from Mingo (Iowa) High School in 1945. She taught elementary and special ed classes for many years. Her earliest classes in Jasper County were taught in one-room school houses. She eventually taught in Baxter, where she met her husband, Donald Scovel. The couple eventually moved to Cedar Falls, where Don taught at the Malcolm Price Laboratory School, and Mary taught special ed at River Hills school.

Don and Mary adopted their only son, Leonard, in 1963, and Mary stayed home to raise him. In 1971 she returned to the work force at the Black Hawk County Treasurer's Office, in the License Plate department. She retired for good in 1988. In 1998 she moved to Fort Collins, Colorado, to live with Leonard's family, and to help raise her granddaughter Samantha.

Over the years Mary was involved in several organizations including the American Business Women's Club, and the Rebekah's Lodge. She was also a

member of the American Baptist Church.

In 2015 she moved from her son's home to the Good Samaritan Village, Fort Collins, where she made many friends, both among the residents as well as with the staff.

Mary is survived by her son Leonard, her grandchildren Amelia Ferrie Lee, Will Ferrie, and Samantha Scovel, and by great-grandchildren Reed and Noemi Lee.

She will be interred at Greenwood Cemetery in Cedar Falls, next to her husband.

A celebration of her life is scheduled for 2 p.m., Sunday, November 25, 2018 at Good Samaritan Village Chapel, 508 W. Trilby Road. Friends may send condolences to the family at [bohlenderfuneralchapel.com](http://bohlenderfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Greenwood Cemetery**

404 N. College Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

# Tribute Wall

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“ Leonard, I worked with your mom at the Black Hawk County Court house from 1972 until she retired. She talked so much about you and how proud she was of you... you could not have asked for a better Mom. I enjoyed working with her... she was fun to be around, always giving her best in everything she did... and the stories we shared... oh did we laugh!

I have thought about her for many years and wondered how her retirement was going. I am so happy you had her obituary in the Courier. I knew she would live a long time... she was just a delight to be around and such a joyful spirit. I know she is up in heaven talking to God and telling all the wonderful stories of her son and lovely family.

May God give you peace and comfort. May God bless you all, Rita (Schmitz) Schmidt... now the Treasurer of Black Hawk County.

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**Rita Schmidt** - November 05, 2018 at 06:09 PM

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“ Aunt Mary was a spunky, no nonsense woman with a huge heart. I will miss you Aunt Mary.

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**Wendy Fenech** - October 31, 2018 at 07:39 PM

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“ I always appreciated how welcoming Mary was to everyone in my family, and she did have a wonderful laugh. Rest In Peace, Mary.

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**sarah fishburn** - October 31, 2018 at 10:45 AM

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**Lenny Scovel** - October 31, 2018 at 10:36 AM