



## Roberta Dively Ferguson

September 11, 1922 - January 9, 2011

Roberta Dively Ferguson, age 88, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 9, 2011. She was born in Mansfield PA on September 11, 1922 the youngest of five children of Samuel and Etna Garrett Dively. Her family moved to Lordstown when she was a small child and then to Warren as a teenager. She graduated from Warren G. Harding High School in June of 1940 and was married to Angus Ferguson November 28, 1942. She began working at the House of Fashion in Warren right after high school and became a buyer at the age of 19 and eventually became the store manager, continuing there until 1960. In 1961, with her husband Angus, she opened a well known women's specialty shop Roberta's, in downtown Warren where she continued successfully in business until her retirement in 1995.

Mrs. Ferguson was the first women in Warren to serve on the boards of the Second National Bank and Trumbull Memorial Hospital. She served as the retail chairperson of the Warren Area Cancer Drive, the board of Junior Achievement, Warren Redevelopment and Planning Corp., Warren Chamber of Commerce and in 1998 was elected to the Warren High Schools Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. She was a member of the 1st United Methodist Church and the Trumbull Country Club. Mrs. Fergusons was, at one time an avid golfer, and her proudest moments came after winning the grandmothers Golf Tournaments at the Trumbull Country Club on three separate occasions.

She is survived by her son David Ferguson and daughter-in-law Sandra of Atlanta GA; and her daughter Cheryl Ferguson and partner Linda Schnell of Cleveland, OH. She also leaves two grandchildren, David Ferguson and his wife Sara Beth and Bradley Ferguson and his wife, Emily, and six great-grandchildren, Bennett, Clay, Haley, Charles, Kathryn, and Angus. She is preceded in death by her husband Angus who died September 13, 2005, brother, Henry Dively, and sisters Helen Kielmeyer, Eleanor Goldner and Ardilea Knapp.

Funeral services will be held at McFarland and Son Funeral Home Saturday, January 15, at 11:00am. with the Rev. Rick Oaks officiating. Friends may call 10:00am till the time of the services. Entombment will follow at Crown Hill Burial Park, Vienna, OH. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate contributions to the Shepherd of the Valley Foundation, 5525 Silica Rd. Austintown OH 44515

Arrangements are entrusted to McFarland & Son Funeral Services Company, 271 North Park Avenue, Warren, Ohio 44481. Please visit [www.mcfarlandfuneral.com](http://www.mcfarlandfuneral.com) to view this obituary and send condolences.

# Tribute Wall

EC

“CK, So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I always enjoyed hearing your stories about Angus and Roberta. Had an opportunity to meet your parents and brother, David, at your VA retirement party. Your mother had a nice run, 88 years, and hopefully you'll treasure your many memories. With deepest sympathies and love, Ed & Karen

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**Ed Chatlos** - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

BG

“Cheryl, I was saddened to learn of your mother's passing. I always looked forward to saying hello to her whenever I visited Warren. My mother enjoyed working for Roberta and especially so during their buying trips to NYC. Your mother was a wonderful lady.

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**Bruce Goodman** - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

MS

“Cheryl, so sorry to read of your mom's death. The picture in the paper is exactly as I remember her, always with a smile on her face. She was a lovely women---I know you will miss her deeply. My sympathy to all your family.

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**mary Catherine Scarnecchia** - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

MC

“ Dear Cheryl and Linda,

*What a nice picture and write up of your mom. I know you will miss her as so many will. She was a wonderful person and so was your dad. I knew your mom from House of Fashion days and I worked with your dad at Harrell Real Estate. He was never too busy to help you or offer advise when asked.*

*Your mom hired Jim as one of her workers at the store and he loved and respected and listened to her and did things I could not get him to do. I was a single mom and appreciated her help and it has had a lasting affect on his life and mine. He graduated from college and she was so good to him.*

*You had class parents and they left a footprint on many people's heart. They both loved golf and I had the honor to play with both of them, your dad during Mixed members and he would always tell me where to put and it was a big help.*

*I know your mom would thank you for taking such good care of her when she no longer could. Everyone who knew your parents loved and respected them. They will be missed.*

*I had polio and I am in a wheelchair now or I would come personally and give you a hug. You are the best. Fondly, Marilyn Van Huffel Callahan*

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**Marilyn Van Huffel Callahan** - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

JC

“ Cheryl,  
*I'm grieving with you at your loss. You are always in my thoughts.*

*Joe Chaplow*

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**Joseph Chaplow** - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

LB

“ Dear Cheryl,

*- My thoughts are with you and your family. Your mom: so special and amazing. May wonderful times together and great memories sustain you now and in the days ahead.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Lynn Brewster*

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**Lynn Brewster** - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

PA

“ Dear Dave, Sandy, Cheryl & Linda,  
*One of the Special Ladies of Warren has gone to the "other room"! And Angus is waiting with open arms. So many fun times on Melwood with us kids growing up. An invitation to Roberta's was always a very special moment. I shall cherish our family memories forever.*

*Love to all, Pam (Craig) Anderson*

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**Pam Anderson** - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

EC

“ *It may be more than 50 years ago, but I will never forget the fact that Roberta, in many ways was like a mother to me when I lived in OH. I spent most of my childhood in her home. I remember going to her house everyday after school. David and I would play, and I remember Cheryl with her little red hair and still being in a crib. It was a wonderful home to be in. Every year from the time I was born she never forgot me at Chirstmas time. She had a wonderful heart and will never be forgotten.*

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**Eleanore De La Cruze** - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

BW

“David and Cheryl and families. Roberta and I sat side by side in the SNB Board meetings. I was her Private Banking officer and secretary to the Board of Directors for many years. When in high school I worked part time at Roberta's. David you were in the basement at Roberta's (way in the back under the road). It was my first day doing gift wrap at Christmas time. I heard a beautiful voice. It was dark back there and I was afraid to look. (young, new and shy)

A while later you emerged and informed me where the bow making machine was. Thank you again.

My husband, Richard White and Roberta served on the Board of TMH. We are both blessed to have had the opportunity to know Roberta. Our sincere sympathies to you and your families. May your many memories provide you with comfort and love. Respectfully and Sincerely,  
Barbara and Dick White

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Barbara Thomas White - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM



“Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the words in Psalms 145:18,19 give you hope and comfort.

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January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM