



Laura "Jean" Balsley

July 31, 1936 - October 5, 2025

Laura "Jean" (Caldwell) Balsley, 89, of Zanesville, passed away Sunday, October 5, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 31, 1936, in Zanesville, the daughter of Helen (Laudenbacher) Caldwell and William Arthur Caldwell. She shared her birthday with her great grandson, Miles.

Jean was a 1954 graduate of Rosecrans High School. She retired following many years of service with Harts Department Store. She enjoyed traveling to Wheeling Island, and visits from her family.

Left to cherish Jean's memory are her children, Rick Lang of Zanesville, Robin (Carl) Jones of Zanesville, Randy (Lisa) Lang of Middleport and Renee' (Kevin) Helser of Zanesville; eleven grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Jean was preceded in death by her husband, James S. Balsley; two sons, Raymond Lang and Rodney Lang; one grandson, Raymond Arthur Lang, II; the father of her children, William N.C. Lang. Her siblings, Art Caldwell, John Caldwell, Helen Tandy, Dorothy May, and Gert Bell.

Laura would like to give special thanks to her daughter, Robin for taking care

of her. To the staff of Shrivvers Hospice and all the care given to Laura during her time of need.

Friends may call 12 Noon to 2:00 PM, Thursday, October 9, 2025, at the Hillis Combs Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, where Funeral Services will follow at 2:00 PM, with Rev. Darren Tolbert officiating. Burial will follow in Zanesville Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be too made to the Alzheimer's Association in Laura's memory. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsfh.com

Cemetery Details

Zanesville Memorial Park

1475 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
<http://www.hilliscombsfh.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Miss you Mom!* 🥹



Renee - October 16, 2025 at 09:13 PM

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“ *Kelly, Rodney, & Rodney William Lang. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Laura "Jean" Balsley.*



Kelly, Rodney, & Rodney William Lang. - October 08, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ *Dear Robin and Carl (Bubba), Although we did not know your Mother, we know that you have cared for her at your home. This is a bittersweet time, as with this disease, it is the long goodbye. You have given her such care with compassion. Please let us know if there is anything we can do.*

Mollie Earich - October 07, 2025 at 04:45 PM

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“ *Mollie G Winland lit a candle in memory of
Laura "Jean" Balsley*



Mollie G Winland - October 07, 2025 at 04:39 PM