



## Mabel B. Wrench

May 9, 1927 - October 16, 2016

Mabel Wrench, 89, of Fairmount died at home on October 16, 2016. Strong, kind and generous, Mabel touched many lives and will be greatly missed. Born and raised in Parishville NY, she attended college in Canton NY and settled in Fairmount where she and her husband, Wendell, raised their family. Mabel was a dietitian at the Onondaga County Sanatorium and then a school lunch manager for the Syracuse City School District, first at Nottingham High School, then at Fowler High School. Her true passion in life was giving back to others. Whenever family, friends, or the community had a need, Mabel answered the call. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels, the Arthritis Foundation water exercise program, Literacy Volunteers, Girl Scouts, and more. She was active in her children's lives and all of their activities. Mabel's loves included the West Genesee Marching Band, Syracuse University basketball, the State Fair, and her cat, Cuse.

Mabel's faith was an integral part of her life. She quietly lived her faith through her long-term membership in and commitment to her church community at Fairmount Community Church, United Church of Christ. She most recently served as a deacon, on the mission committee, and on an inclusivity task force. She was active in the Women's Association, and Sunday School. Mabel treasured being able to help coordinate the holiday program for the Westcott Day Hab Center. The Pennies for People program of the United Church of Christ New York Women's Association was an important project for Mabel too.

Mabel believed in finding good in everyone and accepted people for who they were, regardless of labels that get used to define people. In addition to her faith and family, friends were very important to her. She was famous in the neighborhood for Sunday night popcorn and her chocolate no-bake cookies. She enjoyed staying in touch with and visiting extended family.

Mabel was predeceased by her parents, Archibald Hendrik Bresee and Elsie Flint Bresee, and her husband Wendell G. Wrench.

She leaves behind many friends and her family: Carolyn and Charles Whitfield, Brenda Wrench and Beth Bonebrake, and Jan and Doug Brucker; and, her beloved cat, Cuse, all of whom will miss her dearly.

The family would like to thank dedicated caregivers Deborah, Anita and Samantha Wright, and her physician, Dr Joseph Barry, who helped make it possible for Mom to stay at home. We would also like to thank the caring staff at Upstate University Hospital at Community General, especially the folks on the Transitional Care Unit, who assisted Mom in living her life to the fullest.

Calling hours will be Friday, October 28th from 4 to 7 pm at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St., Camillus. Services will be Saturday October 29th at 12 noon at Fairmount Community Church, 4801 W Genesee St, Syracuse, NY 13219.

Interment in Greenlawn Cemetery will be at a later date as Mabel continued her lifelong generosity by donating her body to research.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to W.A.V.E.S, 202 Bennett Rd, Camillus, NY 13031, Fairmount Fire Department, 4611 W Genesee St, Syracuse, NY 13219, or Fairmount Community Church Memorial Fund, 4801

W Genesee St, Syracuse, NY 13219.

Please sign the guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home  
10 W. Genesee Street  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315) 672-3400  
info@bushfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

OCT **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fairmount Community Church  
126 S. Terry Road  
Syracuse, NY 13219  
(315) 487-8521  
fccuccoffice@gmail.com  
<https://www.oneworshipingcommunity.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ 148 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments** - October 27, 2016 at 06:27 PM

NB

“ Nancy, Frank and the boy's purchased the *Fruits and Blooms Basket* for the family of Mabel B. Wrench.



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**Nancy, Frank and the boy's** - October 27, 2016 at 06:03 PM

MG

“ Carolyn, Brenda and Janice,

*My cousin Martha let me know about your mom's passing. I am so sorry to hear it. Gary and I are currently in Orange Beach, Alabama, otherwise I would be at the service on Saturday.*

*Your mom was a good friend of both my mother and my mother-in-law. She took my mom to water exercises, doctors' appointments and virtually everywhere else she needed to go. She visited her regularly when Mom moved into assisted living. She was my mother-in-law's Meals On Wheels partner and visited her when Mom Snyder moved into St. Camillus. All three of them volunteered together at church.*

*We all go back so many years together I have many memories of your mom. I guess the main thing I remember from when we were kids was when she would pick Mom, John and me up and we would go to Camillus Pool with you in the summer.*

*Your mom was a very kind and giving person. My mother counted her among her very dearest friends. I miss my mom every day but there are times when she feels very close. When Ginny and I make homemade pizza we agree that she is right there with us. I hope as time passes you will find this kind of comfort.*

*Love to you and your families,  
Mary Grant-Snyder*

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**Mary Grant-Snyder** - October 26, 2016 at 10:01 AM

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**Christine Brucker** - October 24, 2016 at 06:16 PM

CB

*Good memories from the annual festivities on Conesus Lake at Doug & Jan Brucker's.*

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**Christine Brucker** - October 24, 2016 at 06:18 PM

MC

“ *Your Mom was a lovely person! She work with my Dad for many years (Syracuse School District) I remember her from the cookouts my Dad had for his Managers. She was a favorite :)*

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**mary carrow** - October 23, 2016 at 06:43 PM

MF

“ *I met Mabel 16 yrs. ago when I joined the Arthritis Aquatic Program at the Solvay Pool. I immediately knew I had a friend. She was a private person and I was surprised at all her accomplishments as I read her obituary. She had a very loving family who cared for her deeply, especially during her latest years. She always cared for others & didn't share her feelings. I will miss her every time our group goes to Kirby's for linner (lunch/dinner). Blessings to Mabel and her loving family. May she rest in peace. Margaret Freund*

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**Margaret Freund** - October 23, 2016 at 10:50 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mabel B. Wrench.*



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October 23, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *Carolyn, Chuck, Brenda, Beth, Jan and Doug:*

*Your loss seems unbearable, but your memories are sweet. We share your pain and sorrow. May your mom find comfort and rest in the arms of our Lord.*

*Love, Margaret, Peter and family*

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**Margaret Tassini??????** - October 19, 2016 at 04:08 PM