



## Mrs. Mary Orva Yost Sluder

October 18, 1916 - May 20, 2013

Mary Orva Yost Sluder, 96, died peacefully at her home on May 20, 2013. Born in Jeddo Borough, Pennsylvania on October 18, 1916 to Clayton and Helen Yost, she attended a three room school in Jeddo and graduated as Valedictorian from Hazelton High School in 1934 in a class of 450 students. She obtained her nursing education at Geisinger Memorial Hospital Training School, graduating in 1938 as Valedictorian. She met and married Dr. Fletcher S. Sluder on June 30, 1940 while he was interning at Geisinger and continued her training at the Mayo Clinic, where her husband had a fellowship in OB-GYN. After spending four years at the Mayo Clinic, they returned to Fletcher's hometown of Asheville in 1946 where she has resided since then.

Orva was a member of the Medical Auxiliary for Mission/St Joseph Hospitals and served as President in 1953. She was a Founding Mother of The Health Adventure and volunteered for numerous charities in the community. She was an avid gardener and competitive tennis player at the Country Club of Asheville.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Fletcher, who died in 2001. In addition, she was also preceded in death by brothers Edward Yost and Donald Yost and brothers-in-law Donald Brown and Donald Maue.

She is survived by her daughter Jenny Crawford and husband Tom of

Charlotte; son Todd Sluder and wife Leesa of Mooresville; six grandchildren Morgan Sluder of Asheville, Mason Sluder of Asheville, Orva Marie Crawford of Waynesboro, VA, Sara Crawford of Columbia, SC, Kristen Wohlford and husband Micah of Asheville and Scott Frankel of Asheville; two sisters Mildred Brown and Jeanne Maue; sisters-in-law Martha Yost and Kathy Yost and numerous nieces and nephews residing in Pennsylvania.

The family is grateful to all the home care givers and to CarePartners Home Healthcare and Hospice for their support.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 PM, Wednesday, May 29, 2013 in the chapel of Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue with Reverend Karen Easter officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to a charity of choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Western Carolina State Veteran's Cemetery

Old US Hwy. 70  
Black Mountain, NC 28711

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Orva Yost Sluder*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3,4 states "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away". Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.*

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**Ana** - June 01, 2013 at 06:07 PM



“ *So sad to hear of your Mother passing. I remember how sweet she was. I pray that GOD will give you the comfort that only he can give. Love Dianne Runion Player.*

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**Dianne Player** - May 30, 2013 at 01:25 PM

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“ Growing up, Orva Sluder was a second mother to me. I have never known a time when she wasn't around. The world always seemed like a better safer place just knowing that she was in it. Orva was always the strong voice of calm and reason. As tiny as she was, you could not help but to look up to her.

*It sounds goofy, but every time I open a band-aide, I remember her teaching me how to open band-aides in the way that kept the white part sterile.*

*I will miss her very much.*

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**Joe Adams** - May 22, 2013 at 08:03 AM