



**MARIE BONHAM MEMORIAL**  
**Auxiliary with the Most Outstanding Americanism Program**

Marie Bonham was a charter member of Mansfield AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary #26. She was married to Clyde Bonham. They had 2 sons, Robert and Karl. Karl, now deceased was married to Past Department President Catherine Nixon who had a son Kenneth Clyde Bonham.

The epitome of Marie's life was being elected to the office of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Ohio President, which she served faithfully and with great pride in the year 1952-1953.

Before and after being elected to the office, Marie held many department offices and chairmanships, considering it a great honor to do so. Marie was also local President, as well as holding many offices and chairmanships on this level, always helping willingly whenever and wherever she could. Marie put many hours into sewing for the Mansfield AMVET Minstrel Shows, turning her basement into a sewing and fitting room for the Ladies Auxiliary members to come and sew by the hour, day or week.

Marie traveled far and wide for the Ladies Auxiliary, delivering seepage pads and magazines to the Sandusky Ohio Veterans Home, and visited Chillicothe, Dayton and Xenia hospitals whenever possible. Marie also spent many hours, with the Ladies Auxiliary members helping sew those very same pads.

She also went to the Richland County T.B. Association, entertaining patients there with bingo games and treats. You could always count on Marie for help whenever it was needed.

Marie suffered from Leukemia, during the latter part of her life, but never complained, working as long as her health permitted. Marie passed away in 1960, at 63 years old. It was a great loss to all concerned. Clyde, her husband, donated local colors and a standard to the Mansfield Ladies Auxiliary in her name. He did not want us to forget her.

Send information to Department Headquarters by May 1<sup>st</sup>.