



Marilyn C. Johnson

August 31, 1926 - March 1, 2012

Marilyn C. Johnson, age 85 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, March 01, 2012, at Relais Bonne Eau in Edwardsville, IL.

She was born on Tuesday, August 31, 1926, in Evanston, IL, the daughter of Thomas A. and Evelyn E. (nee Stone) Copple.

On Saturday, June 17, 1950, she married Richard E. Johnson (nee) who passed away on November 5, 2008.

She attended Evangelical United Church of Christ - Highland, IL. She was a former member of Lakeway Ecumenical Church; Delta Gamma; PEO; Rotary International, Muscatine, IA; Lakeway Country Club, Lakeway, TX; American Association of University Women-(past President), Muscatine Branch; Presbytenan Women of Muscatine Board (past President); YWCA of Muscatine; Women\'s Club- (past President), Barrinton, IL; Writers League of Texas.

Mrs. Johnson was born at Evanston, IL; at age nine months her family moved to Des Plaines, IL. She graduated from Maine Township High School in 1944. Mrs. Johnson attended Lawrence College and completed her education with a BS in Speech from Northwestern University. She worked briefly in advertising for two agencies in Chicago. She married, and then spent the early years

rearing her family of five, during that time Marilyn was a Brownie leader, a Girl Scout Day Camp Director, Cub Scout Den Mother, Sunday School teacher, Women's Club officer, lay reader for Prospect High School English Department, and from 1968 to 1972 substitute teacher in Lake Zurich schools. Her family had lived in Mt. Prospect & Barrington, IL; Littleton, CO (near Denver); then Muscatine, IA for 15 years prior to retiring in Lakeway, TX in 1992. The Johnson's moved to Highland, IL on April 15, 2007. After several employment advancements doing secretarial duties, she became a Secretarial Trainer leading Secretarial Seminars across the country. In 1982 she became the founding editor of The Office Professional. She wrote most of and edited these publication for 19 years. She retired in 2002.

Mrs. Johnson was in the first group of women inducted into Rotary International. She married the man in her life whom she met the first day of classes in the first class of her freshman year of high school. She enjoyed golf and loved living on the course at Lakeway. She also enjoyed reading, book club, travel, walking and playing bridge. All of her life she was a "Volunteer" for many different organizations and community activities.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Jill (husband - Doug) Johnson Keeney, Louisville, KY

Son - Richard "Chip" E. (Leslie) Johnson, Jr., Edwardsville, IL

Son - Thomas J. (Nancy) Johnson, Louisville, KY

Daughter - Julie (husband - Phil) Johnson Mason, Highland, IL

Son - James S. (Brooke) Johnson, Olympia, WA

Sister - Barbara (Herb) Webb, Salem, SC

Sister - Suzanne (Michael) Leifer, Urbana, IL

Grandchild - Doug Keeney

Grandchild - Alex Keeney

Grandchild - Rich Johnson

Grandchild - Judd Johnson

Grandchild - Owen Johnson

Grandchild - Jeff Mason

Grandchild - Marilyn Mason

Grandchild - Joel Mason

Grandchild - Hannah Johnson

Grandchild - Luke Johnson

Step Grandchild - Michael Williams, twin

Step Grandchild - Gabriel Williams, twin

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Thomas A. Copple

Mother - Evelyn E. (nee Stone) Copple

Husband - Richard E. Johnson, died 11/5/08

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.