



Marilyn Johnston

September 1, 1931 - May 18, 2020

Marilyn Johnston played her final bridge hand on Monday, May 18, 2020 at Brookdale Sr. Living in Alliance, OH. Even with all her bridge expertise, her cards were just not good enough.

Marilyn was born in Canton, OH on September 1, 1931 to parents A. Clyde and Thelma J. Eastham (Quayle). She graduated from Sebring McKinley High School (Valedictorian, Class of 1949) and Westminster College in PA (Magnum Cum Laude, BS Education) graduating in 1953.

Before starting a family, she taught at McDonald, Alliance, and Sebring school districts. In 1954 she married the love of her life Roger L. Johnston and began her life journey as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend and caregiver. Her love, empathy, compassion, loyalty, and laughter exuded every part of her being.

Her greatest passion was bridge, where she attained the Life Master designation. Other interests she enjoyed were golfing, crosswords, sudoku, Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Browns, Jeopardy, Wheel Of Fortune, HGTV, and The Voice. But most of all, she got the most comfort and joy from just visiting with family and friends.

After her husband Roger retired, they loved traveling across the United States and experiencing all it had to offer. Once they wore the tires off, they decided winters in Hilton Head Island, SC suited them best. There she and Roger enjoyed long beach walks, warm sunny lazy days and many new lifelong friends.

Marilyn leaves to cherish her memory "the boys" Roger Brent (Sebring), Matthew Clyde (Mentor), and Robert Gregory (Marisa) of Los Angeles. Sister-in-law Linda (Butch) Farnsworth (Wooster) and loving niece Diane Farnsworth (Rittman). Two wonderful granddaughters, Natalie Ann Johnston (Los Angeles), and Madeline Jane Johnston (Lewis Center). Marilyn had many close friends who loved her deeply, including Sally Ailes and her best friend and kindred spirit Carole Wilson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Roger L., and son Terrence Scott (whom they lovingly cared for until his death in 1985), and her "sister" Dorothy Ailes.

Marilyn was a member of American Contract Bridge League, Hilton Head Bridge Center, Sebring Historical Society, and Alliance Women's Club.

Although she may not physically be here with us anymore, her spirit lives on in our hearts

and minds with all the wonderful memories and experiences we were all so lucky to have shared. We know that she is at peace with herself and the world...sailing on through to the next journey...meeting up with Roger in the great beyond.

Due to pandemic restrictions, private family services will be held at various locations with a memorial to happen at a later date.

The family would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the current and past staff of Brookdale Alliance for all of their care and compassion shown toward Marilyn.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Marilyn's memory may be directed to the donors charity of choice.

You are invited to view Marilyn's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories at www.sharerfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are by the Sharer-Stirling-Skivolocke Funeral Home.

Comments



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Greg Johnston - May 26, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ I have known Marilyn since I was in kindergarten . She was in the school play " Who shook the Family Tree" and I was in the play as a youngster my name was Paige and she treated me so nice and told me not to be afraid she was right there with me.I have seen her many times over the years and always thought she was so beautiful. They will love her in heaven,

Gretchen Hughes - May 26, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ Oh Marilyn, You will be missed by so many. We are so thankful we got to spend years of your life with you. Thank you for everything that you taught us. <3 Brookdale Alliance

chelsea - May 26, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ Condolences and prayers for your family during this difficult period. Her love for you endures forever.

Randy & Gina Stull

Randy Stull - May 26, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ It was truly a privilege and honor to help care for your Mother. I enjoyed spending time with her learning of her past as a child growing up and her family that she so treasured. I will never forget my time with her.

Jayme French

Jayme French - May 26, 2020 at 12:54 AM



“ Marilyn was my neighbor for seven years . She was always so kind and caring... We lived so closely together that she would see me and say ...do you have a minute ? Come on in and talk... So I would and we would talk about our cares and concerns... She was also an encourager. She always look forward to her son coming to dinner twice a week... Her other son coming down to visit her with her granddaughter... And her son from California coming to visit... She would always leave for bridge with her hair done just right... Her earrings, purse ,shoes ,top and pants matching just perfectly...Even though it was just seven years I was very very blessed to have her as a neighbor and a friend

mary lynn simmons - May 24, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ My mom was a dear friend of your mother, in the class of the forty niners. Mom always enjoyed the letters and cards she received from Marilyn. Her and my dad enjoyed visiting your parents in Hilton Head several times. If my mom was able to understand, she would surely be sad to hear of her passing. Thoughts and prayers to the family.
Tod Brunie (my mother is Nelda)

Tod Brunie - May 23, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ One of the sweetest teachers I had at AHS

neva - May 23, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ Sending thoughts and prayers to Marilyn’s family.
I loved your Mom and Dad as well as your grandparents. I used to baby sit you
brother Terry.
What a beautiful family.

Kimberlie Gednetz - May 22, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ Sorry for your loss guys. I think about our childhood days all the time.
Steve Woolf

Steve Woolf - May 26, 2020 at 09:28 PM