



Marjorie Luise Chance

CHANCE, Marjorie Luise Passed away peacefully in Santa Rosa on July 8, 2003, after a brave year-long battle with cancer. Marjorie was a dedicated elementary school teacher and lifelong educator, and world traveler. Marjorie was born in Chicago, Ill., on August 10, 1918 to Lotte and John Meyer. Along with sister Estelle, the family moved to San Francisco, where she graduated from Galileo High School. She received her elementary teaching credential in 1941 from San Francisco Teacher's College (now State University), and in the same year married George Hubert Chance, who subsequently taught at Petaluma High School. Her first teaching assignment was in a one room school located in Pongosa, CA in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. In 1949, she and her family moved to Petaluma, CA. After the death of her husband, she returned to teaching, beginning with Marin School, a two room school near Petaluma, Penngrove School, Dixie Elementary in Terra Linda, and completed her career in education as a reading specialist for the Dixie School district of Marin county. In addition to teaching, she also served as a staff correspondent and columnist for the Press-Democrat from 1957-1960, covering Penn-grove and writing a weekly column, "Chance Remarks." After retirement, she was active in several Sonoma county organizations, including the Petaluma chapter of the Danish Sisterhood, the Adult Literacy League, and Thunderbirds of Sonoma. Marjorie was a charter member of the Petaluma chapter of the American Association of University Women, a member of the World Wildlife Fund, and a supporter of Habitat for Humanity. With companion Barrett Lewis, architect of Sebastopol, she traveled to over 34 countries, including England, Denmark, Norway, Greece, Turkey, Russia, Egypt, Kenya, the South Seas, China, Japan, Australia and Brazil, as well as extensively throughout the United States. In 1968, she moved to Penngrove to a home designed and built by Mr. Lewis. She is survived by her two sons, David of Sebastopol and John of San Francisco, her daughter-in-law Theresa Chance, grand-daughters Karen and Kristina Chance, and great grandchildren, Brandon and Elaina Cox, all of San Francisco. Friends are invited to a memorial for Marjorie to be held on her birthday, August 10, 2003 at 2PM in the original sanctuary designed by Mr. Lewis at Hessel Church, 5060 Hessel Ave., Sebastopol, CA. Internment took place on July 18, 2003, at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Colma, CA. If desired, donations in her memory may be made to the Adult Literacy League, 4525 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95401 or Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County, 987 Airway Ct., Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

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