



Marion Ehrlinger Swanson

November 11, 1918 - February 16, 2013

Marion Ehrlinger Swanson, daughter of George Frederick and Mabelle Westlake Ehrlinger, was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, on November 11, 1918, Armistice Day. Marion graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1939, and taught school for two years in Sheboygan, WI.

In 1941 Marion married John Swanson and moved to Wilmington, DE, where John worked for the DuPont Company. Except for eight years when the family was transferred to Richmond, VA, John and Marion lived in Wilmington until they moved to Corvallis, OR, in 1992.

Marion was active in the American Association of University Women in Delaware and later in Oregon. She served as a Reach to Recovery volunteer for the American Cancer Society and was a charter member of the Academy of Lifelong Learning in Delaware and later in Oregon. The Skating Club of Wilmington and the DuPont Country Club provided opportunities to enjoy ice skating, dancing, and playing golf. Marion was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wilmington and Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis. Marion and John loved travel and discovering new natural and cultural landscapes in America and abroad.

Marion's family is deeply grateful for having enjoyed her company during her long, full, richly lived life! Marion's husband, John, preceded her in death in

2009. Marion is survived by son Fred of Corvallis; daughters Anne of Boston, and Jane and her husband, Kevin Duby, of Brattleboro, VT; and grandchildren Peter, and Lucy and her partner, Kim Crandall. Other family members include Julia, Gareth, and Megan Jones.

A memorial service is planned for Friday, March 22, at 3:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. Memorial gifts in Marion's name may be made to Grace Lutheran Church Foundation, 435 NW 21st Street, Corvallis, OR 97330.