



Marjorie Anne Bruner

August 6, 1925 - September 3, 2017

My mother Marjorie left this life gently, asleep in her wheelchair, last Sunday morning, at the lofty age of 92, she faced many challenges as dementia slowly ravaged her mental skills and age sapped her body strength. But she persevered throughout as best she could, with abilities left so few. Ever social, ever polite, ever accepting. In her last 3 years there was an inseparable heartfelt bond with her roommate Mary Ann that charmed us all. Their support for each other was simply magical.

She was born the second child to Ralph and Lola Burns in 1925. For her first 24 years' life was in Monroe County; elected secretary and placing 6th in the 1943 graduating class at Bloomington High School; achieving a bachelor's degree in 1947 at Indiana University majoring in Sociology. After one year of teaching, her marriage to Joseph Bruner took her away from Indiana for the following 24 years, home was in Maryland, New York, Virginia, and 2 years in Germany. 1973 saw her return to Indiana and her final 44 years, most all in Bloomington, completed the circle.

Marjorie life was full, through school, through children and family, through jobs, through church and friends, and much volunteer work for social causes and community needs. Her life resume was a various and vast array of efforts she took on with will and zest. Of course not all were as successful as intended(!).

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Barbara Geiger and brother Dr. Robert Burns. All five are together once again in the Masonic

Garden at Valhalla in Bloomington. Surviving are her children Janet of Arlington, VA; Nancy of Alexandria, VA; and Michael of Spencer, IN; 4 grandchildren, 3 nieces and 6 nephews.

I would wish that anyone wanting to honor her, to make a gift to any Alzheimers/Dementia research. In the cruelest way, it steadily and relentlessly takes down a once dynamic person.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com