

Margaret E. Powers

1920-2016

Margaret E. Powers passed away February 15, 2016, at Spokane Valley, Washington, at the age of 95. Margaret Eileen Powers was born August 9, 1920, at Arnold, Nebraska, to Leonard and Elizabeth Steburg. She was confirmed in the Episcopal Church when she was 12 years of age, and transferred to the Anglican Communion Network in 2006. Graduating from Arnold High School in 1937, she attended the University of Nebraska on a Regent's Scholarship, where she was affiliated with Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She was employed by Farm Security Administration in Springview, Bassett and Loup City, Nebraska; as secretary to the Director of the University of Nebraska School of Nursing; at defense plants in Omaha, Rockford, Illinois, and Jackson, Michigan, during the war; for the National Small Business Men's Association in Akron, Ohio. In December of 1947, she married Thord L. Powers at Hyattsville, Maryland. She and her husband loved the outdoors, hunting pheasants in Nebraska, fishing and boating at their second home on the Patuxent River at Broome's Island, Maryland, where they raised bobwhite quail on their three acres and released them for hunting. They enjoyed entertaining friends and family with crab feasts and barbecues.

Entering banking as a secretary in 1948, she retired in 1977 as Vice President of Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Maryland. She was the first woman officer of her bank, and one of the first women in Maryland to be elected a vice president. She was active in the National Association of Bank Women, serving as an officer on local, regional and national levels.

Following their retirement, they sold their home in College Park and moved to Broome's Island where they lived until they moved to Fallbrook, California, in 1980. After Mr. Powers' death in 1985, she moved to Escondido where she was a volunteer at the police department for 16 years, contributing over 10,000 hours; for eight years at Hidden Valley House, a shelter for abused women and children; at Grace Church of San Marcos for seven years, where she also served on the Vestry. She was active in the Eta Kappa Eta Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega.

She enjoyed baking, canning, reading, crocheting and sewing crafts for charity. Besides family



and friends, her great loves were football and dogs. An avid football fan, she held season tickets for the San Diego Chargers, and attended

their Super Bowl game in Miami. She was always proud of her Nebraska heritage and her hometown. Since 2002, she resided in Spokane Valley, Washington, where she was a member of Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her daughter, her parents and brother. She is survived by her devoted family, a sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, Priscilla, her guardian angel since 2002, and many special friends whom she treasured.

Memorials are suggested to the Arnold Cemetery, Arnold Library or Arnold Fire Department. Online condolences may be shared at berrymanfuneralhome.com. Graveside services were held Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the Arnold Cemetery. There was no visitation. Berryman Funeral Home in Cozad is in charge of arrangements.