

Obituary

Marion (Rapp) Fuller-Nelson

1923-2016

Marion Marie (Rapp) Fuller-Nelson, one of three daughters of William and Lena Rapp, was born on January 20, 1923, in Omaha, Nebraska. She graduated from Omaha Central High School. Marion earned a Bachelor of Science in Music Education degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

On June 30, 1945, Marion was united in marriage to Albert Greenleaf Fuller, Jr. The couple lived in Arnolds Park, Iowa, before moving to Arnold, Nebraska. They were blessed with two sons, Bill and Bert, and a daughter, Kathy.

Music and family were the cornerstones of Marion's life. As an educator, she taught elementary music in Arnolds Park for a brief time and then Arnold Public Schools from 1948 until she retired in 1989.

Throughout her career, Marion taught private piano lessons and arranged and directed countless school and community programs. After she retired, Marion continued to teach music to preschoolers in the Arnold Preschool.

Even more important than music, Marion loved spending time with her family and friends, and she was very active in the community. She was a long time member in Rotary, the Methodist church, and played in many bridges clubs. She always enjoyed entertaining friends at her cabin on Johnson Lake. Her love for adventure took her on numerous travels around the world, many of which took place with her children and grandchildren.

On April 25, 1985, Albert passed away unexpectedly. During the next few years, Marion attained a Master's degree in Music at Kearney State College.

She filled many hours with church work, spending time with the Red Hat Society, cheering for the Huskers, and attending numerous concerts.

On January 14, 1995, Marion married John E. Nelson. They enjoyed many years traveling, visiting relatives and friends, and spending time at the lake.

On Tuesday, October 11, 2016, Marion passed away at the Callaway Good Life Center after several years of declining health. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Albert Fuller, her sisters Joanne Wanamaker and Katherine Clem, and her brother-in-law Don Wanamaker.

She is survived by her husband, John Nelson; her children, William C. Fuller (Gail), Albert G. Fuller III (Nancy), and Kathy F. Kral (Scott), and step-children Sandra Jespersen (Kevin), Susan Nelson, and Col. Kerry Potter (Liz). She is also survived by eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, October 15, at 11:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church in Arnold. Pastor Gene Purcell officiated.

Memorials are suggested to the Arnold School Foundation for the music department or CRU (Campus Crusade).

Arnold Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.