



Marjorie Sarah Palmer

November 16, 1917 - October 9, 2008

Marjorie May Palmer, 90, a retired registered nurse for Johns Hopkins Hospital died October 9 at the Shore Hospital in Easton, MD after suffering a massive stroke.

Mrs Palmer, was born Marjorie Sara May on November 16, 1917 in Coatesville, Pa. and grew up in Claymont, Del., where her father worked as a supervisor for Worth Steel. After graduating from high school, she entered a rigorous three-year nursing program at Wilmington General Hospital, graduating with a nursing degree in 1940. Prior to graduation, she married Willis Keith Palmer, and the two later settled in Dundalk, Maryland. She worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital from 1948 until 1978, in both floor and supervisory roles, and for a number of those years as a private duty nurse. Two of her most well-known patients included industrialist Marshall Field of Chicago and World War II Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz.

Mrs Palmer was a big believer in constantly improving her intellect and her understanding of the world. She was particularly proud of the Associate of Arts degree she earned at Dundalk Community College in 1978. Passionate about politics, Mrs Palmer was often involved in local political campaigns and was active in the League of Women Voters. She also devoted much time in support of the Dundalk Historical Society and was the second vice president of the Women's Club at the Sparrows Point Country Club. She loved playing

bridge, going to the theater, traveling, and taking art classes.

Marjorie and Willis moved to Centreville, MD in 2003 where Willis, her husband of 67 years, died in 2006. Survivors include three children, Robert (and wife Bonnie) of Silver Spring; Sandra Kessler (and husband Richard) of Atlanta; Keith Palmer of Centreville; eight grandchildren, Greta and Doug Palmer (and wife Debi); Jennifer (and husband Tom) Osteen; Vicky Boyce; and Rachel, Travis, Leah, and John Palmer; six great grandchildren, Joseph, William, and Robert Palmer; April and Thomas Osteen; and Ryan and Samantha Boyce; a brother, Charles May and a sister, Dorothy Patterson both of Wilmington.

Funeral services will be held at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., Centreville, MD on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 1:00 where friends and family may call from 11-1:00.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Queen Anne's, Inc., 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Tribute Wall



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“ *To the Palmer Family: It was a pleasure to have met your mother through our church and the community. She was a well-respected lady and we enjoyed her participation in our church. Our prayers and sympathy are with you at this time. Lynda and Gene Palmatary, 221 Hope Road, Centreville, Md.##imported-begin##Lynda H. Palmatary##imported-end##*

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“ *To the Palmer Family: The Centreville United Methodist Women would like to extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to you in the loss of your mother. She will surely be missed by many in our church and God Bless you at this time. The Centreville United Methodist Women##imported-begin##Lynda H. Palmatary##imported-end##*

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