



Marjorie Anderson

October 24, 1916 - April 3, 2012

Marjorie Adams (Spence) Anderson was born October 24, 1916 in Worcester, Massachusetts. She died on April 3, 2012 in Tyler, Texas. Marjorie was predeceased by her parents, Robert J. and Vera A. Spence, brothers Robert, Jr., Russell, John, Gordon and Holman Spence, her husband of 33 years, Aarne Johann Anderson and a daughter Martha Matilda Anderson Hartman. She is survived by a sister, Elizabeth Spence Lawrence of Granville, MA, her children, Robert Ellis and wife Mary of Eugene, OR, Vera Ellis Bagent and husband Ron of Granville, OH, Miriam Anderson of Woodburn, OR, and John Anderson and his wife Frances of Tyler, TX. Gram, as she was affectionately known by her fourteen grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews, loved young people as they did her. In the summer, she opened her home to her grandchildren and their friends who came to the Island to earn money for college tuition. She referred to them as “summer Grand kids and some are not”, and she always enjoyed their being a part of her life. Among her many talents were oil painting and handicrafts, knitting, tatting, braiding rugs, and crochet. An avid reader she also found time to write a number of short stories and an occasional “letter to the editor” to share her opinions with others. Marge was a first grade and kindergarten teacher at Tisbury Elementary School in Vineyard Haven, Martha’s Vineyard, MA. She was dearly loved by her students long after her retirement in 1976. She was elected to the Town of Tisbury Finance Committee and served for over ten

years. As a life member of Christ United Methodist Church in Vineyard Haven, she was actively involved in many church activities and was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. She resided in Vineyard Haven for 45 years until relocating to Tyler in 2006.

The family extends its appreciation to the many caregivers at Garden Estates of Tyler who have made the last years of her life as pleasant as possible. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the East Texas Crisis Center, P. O. Box 7060, Tyler, TX 75711. Condolences may be sent to: www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I have lived on the Vineyard now for about 28 years and not a single person I know who grew up here did not remember and love their elementary teacher, Mrs. Anderson. Marge was always willing to share a laugh and created quite few herself over the years. She was a friend to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. I took care of small odds & ends at her Vineyard Haven home before she moved to Tyler and when cleaning out some garden items, there was an old fashioned planting wheel. She said I could have it and it sits in my garden to this day. Marge spirit lives on amongst the flowers & birds and through the seasons of our hearts here off the coast of Massachusetts. God bless her and all that she gave to us by her presence. On Angels wings, dear heart. T.A.W.

Tom Wetherall - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Tom Wetherall called me from the island to tell me of Marge's passing. We were amazed how much time had zoomed by since relocating to Texas(seems like yesterday) and were reminiscing about our adventures with Marge. It still warms my heart to recall her students coming up to us on the street -greeting her; telling how much they appreciated her & she would remember them- perhaps not all their names but something about them. It was amazing!!!! I send my Love & Warm Wishes to All. John & Fran, Bob & Mary I believe I spent the most time with you but Marge would share with me about the whole family. I am blessed to have known her. My Condolences. May Marge Rest In Peace. Emily

Emily Wetherall - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I spent the summer of 2003 and 2004 living in Gram's attic. She was such lovely woman with such a wonderful personality. I know that she touched so many young lives. The family is in my prayers!*

Rebecca (Rowntree) Osborne - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *You and your family our in our thoughts and prayers. She will be truly missed by all.*

Debra - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM