



Obituary



Josephine (Jo) Knox Marcia
July 2, 1921– May 20, 2009

Jo Knox Marcia passed away in Bedford, Texas, on May 20, 2009.

Jo was born in Giddings, Texas, on July 2, 1921, the oldest of four children, and only daughter of John Knox Sr. and Edna Monroe Knox.

Jo graduated from Giddings public schools in 1939. She met her future husband, John A. “Johnny” Marcia in 1941 at North Texas State Teachers’ College in Denton. Jo & Johnny married on May 7, 1942 and were happily married for nearly 41 years before his death in 1983.

Jo lived in Dallas for 58 years before moving to Hearthstone Assisted Living in Bedford, Texas in 2006.

Jo was a lifelong Presbyterian, having joined Giddings First Presbyterian Church at the age of seven. She joined Chapel Hills Presbyterian Church in Dallas in 1959, where she kept her membership until that church’s dissolution in 2005, after which she transferred her membership back to Giddings First Presbyterian Church, where it remained until her death. After her move to Bedford, she received comfort from the visits of Rev. Dale Smith, the pastor of Colleyville Presbyterian Church.

Jo joined the Order of the Eastern Star in 1960, and was also a member of the Daughters of the Nile, and the Social Order of The Beauceant.

Jo worked at Magnolia Seed Hardware and Implement Company for over 22 years as the receptionist and switchboard operator. She was dubbed “The Voice of Magnolia” by the sales reps. After her retirement in 1984, she volunteered for 19 years at North Dallas Shared Ministries. She said that was one of the most rewarding things she did in her life.

Jo is preceded in death by her parents, her three younger brothers, John Jr., Robert and Louis Knox, all of Giddings, and by her beloved husband Johnny. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Jo Francis Byrd and Roy Wolin of Dallas, Barbara Cunningham of Caldwell, and Judy and Doug Morton of Fort Worth, Dorice and Larry Perryman of Conroe, Texas, and by 6 granddaughters, and 1 great-granddaughter, and her sister-in-law, Evelyn Knox.