



MARIE S. SAWTELLE

March 24, 1925 - January 15, 2015

Marie Sawtelle, beloved wife of Donald Wing Sawtelle Jr. for 65 years, passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 15, 2015. She was 89.

Marie spent her early childhood in Alabama, before moving with her family to Washington, D.C. She received a degree in sociology at the University of Maryland, College Park, and also met her husband there.

While at college, she served as president of the D.C.-Maryland Baptist Student Union. She was also instrumental in establishing an interdenominational chapel on campus.

Marie and Don were married in 1949. They lived in Virginia for 16 years, in Anaheim, Calif., for 10 years, and then Houston, Texas, for over 30 years, before settling in Nevada City in 2007.

Girl Scouts was a highlight of Marie's life. She worked professionally for the Girl Scout organization after graduating from college, and then as a volunteer for several decades.

Her leadership capacities included director positions at field offices, resident camps, and large-scale scouting events.

When Marie headed up a council-wide event at the Anaheim Convention Center in the early '70s, she was the first woman to assume leadership for an event of that size at the center. Marie also served as leader for many Girl Scout troops.

Marie often commented that the best years of her life were those spent as a mother to her four children. She enjoyed organizing and participating in family birthdays, camping trips, and reunions.

She loved her years as a “mom” taxi and kept the ball rolling on the important everyday events such as homework, parent-teacher meetings, library trips and music lessons. She was a big supporter of her children’s education.

Marie is survived by her husband Don Sawtelle; children, Susan Vanderpol and Sandra Palmer of Nevada County, Sharan Moothart of Seattle, and Don Sawtelle III of Sonora, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in the family plot in Springer Cemetery in Maine.

Tribute Wall

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