



Mrs. Juanita Morgan Sommerville

December 7, 1915 - November 6, 2013

Juanita Morgan Sommerville died November 6, 2013.

A native of Albertville, Alabama, Juanita was born December 7, 1915. She was the daughter of James Madison Morgan and Bertha Idelia Allbritten. One of seven children, Juanita grew up in Albertville and Milledgeville, Georgia. She studied at Snead Junior College and graduated with honors from Alabama College for Women in Montevallo, Alabama, and did graduate studies at the University of NC in Social Work. Initially employed in Alabama in the Child Welfare Program, Jaunita worked for the American Red Cross in military hospitals during World War II. After the war ended she was on the national staff of the Girl Scouts of America working as a Community Advisor in Tennessee and Mississippi, including the Gulf Coast.

Juanita married James Laing Sommerville, from Winburne, PA, a Ceramic Engineering graduate of Penn State; Jim worked for Owens-Illinois Glass Company as an Engineer and Executive; his work took the family to many interesting places where they were always active in the community. Her husband Jim died in November, 2005.

While in Lakeland, FL, Juanita was appointed to the Florida Fine Arts Council. While in Puerto Rico she was Manager of an Art Gallery in Dorado Beach.

Juanita and Jim retired to Asheville, NC in 1985. They were members of The First Presbyterian Church; Juanita served as an Elder for three years and on several Church committees. She was on the Board of the Buncombe County, NC, Museum of History, and the Board of the Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center from which she recently received a volunteer award. Juanita is survived by her two sons, James Laing Sommerville, his wife Betty Brokaw and their two sons, Robert and William, of Bridgewater, NJ; Morgan Sommerville, his wife Avi Riedy of Asheville, and their three children, Megan Sommerville and husband Matthew Ensner of Napanoch, NY, Joseph Sommerville of Asheville, NC, and Hannah Sommerville and husband Jason Layosa, of Asheville; Sister-In-Law Jean Sommerville Sherrill of Homewood, Illinois and Jean's three children, Harry, Robert and Anne Sherrill Deary and families; Nieces Bethany Rowell Caldwell and husband Keith, Peggy Dickson Marsh and husband Samuel, Beverly Dickson Spitzer and husband Robert, Anne Dickson Ravenel and husband Lee, Margaret Morgan Stewart and husband Charles, Mary Morgan Klein, Jane Morgan Sorsby and husband David and families, and Nephews Charles L., James and George Morgan, William Morgan, Joe Morgan and wife Yucha and their families.

Memorials for Juanita may be made to the Asheville, NC, First Presbyterian Church (40 Church St, Asheville, NC 28801, (828) 253-1431), Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center (<<http://www.blackmountaincollege.org/support/donate>>) or Asheville CarePartners Solace Center (through the CarePartners Foundation <<http://carepartnersfoundation.org/>>).

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 am, Saturday, November 16, at the Asheville First Presbyterian Church.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Juanita Morgan Sommerville*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3-4 states, And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.*

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