

MOORS (Theakston), Marjorie Joan

— Of Halifax, went home October 28, 2009, surrounded by the love of her family. She will be greatly missed by Don, her loving husband of over 68 years; her brother, Bob Theakston (Goldie); daughter, Pamela Matthews; sons, Brian (Marilyn), Don (Marcella), Alan (Cindy) and Ken (Kim); grandchildren, Valerie (Matthews) Walker, Bill Matthews, Jeffrey Moors, Donald Moors, Leslie Moors, Philip Matthews, David Moors, Erin (Moors) Kendall, Alisha (Moors) Piercey, Jillian Moors and Michael Moors; 19 great-grandchildren whom she loved greatly; cousins, nieces and nephews; and many good friends, neighbours and acquaintances. She was predeceased by father, James Robert and mother, Gertie (Rose) Theakston; foster sister, Doris Matthews (Jack), and son-in-law, Bill Matthews, whom she loved like a son. Born in 1919 in Halifax, she was one of four high school students chosen from Halifax County in 1936 to study in England and to attend the coronation of King George VI. She graduated from Bloomfield High School and the Maritime Business College and had a brief secretarial career before marrying Don in 1941. Marjorie quickly learned the principles of practical home management on the job. Twins and another child arrived in the next two years with two more children in the next 13. She was incredibly thrifty, efficient, resourceful, an early proponent of reuse, reduce and recycle and a maker of unisex clothing. Later Marjorie also worked from home, as an interviewer for Statistics Canada and as an Avon representative. Marjorie was gifted in crafts and arts. She became a Lifetime Member of the Rug Hooking Guild of Nova Scotia in 1995 and spent 14 years as a volunteer hooking instructor at Northwood Centre working with the elderly. She played violin with the Halifax Conservatory Orchestra, as an original member of the Chebucto Orchestra, and she also played piano. She sometimes expressed herself through dance, to the great amusement of her family audience and the great delight of Don. Family life was central to Marge. Many happy times were spent at "No Barn", the small farm she and Don owned near Kentville, preparing gigantic meals from her garden for Thanksgiving get-togethers. Sunday

meals in her dining room were often lively crowd events as well. Religion was a cornerstone of Marjorie's life and relationships. She grew up in her parent's congregation at J. Wesley Smith United Church, was a member for 43 years of St. Matthews United Church, an adherent of the First Congregational Church of Halifax and an adherent of Bethany United Church. She was a Lifetime Member of the United Church Women. Marjorie lived what she believed, and her kindness to others was one expression of her deep religious convictions. Marge was a very competitive bridge player with her regular bridge friends. The games were spirited, pure fun and a good reason to enjoy a "little lunch". In February 2006 Marjorie's care was entrusted to Saint Vincent's Nursing Home in Halifax, shared with the continuing care Don still provided daily. She enjoyed her 90th birthday there three weeks to the day before her departure, with food and family around her as always. She leaves a legacy of love, laughter, funny stories, friendship and warm memories. The family thanks all those at Saint Vincent's who took Marjorie in as one of their own, made Don a part of your happy family and did so much more than "the job". Your care and concern is greatly appreciated. A memorial service celebrating Marjorie's life will be held Saturday, November 14, at 2 p.m. in Bethany United Church, Clinton Avenue, Halifax, with Rev. Vince Ihasz officiating. Reception to follow. Cremation has already taken place. Family flowers only please. Those wishing to make donations can contribute to their local food bank in any way, the Canadian Diabetes Association, or another charity of choice. E-mail condolences to:

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