



Marjorie Thompson

July 26, 2011

Marjorie Helen Miller Thompson age 86 of Cape Girardeau, Mo. passed at the heritage home of her birth, 100 Longview Place, Cape Girardeau, Mo., early Tuesday morning July 26, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. She was born June 13, 1925 at "Longview" in Cape to parents Bertram A. Miller of Red Wing, Minn. and Ella Keller Miller McGowan. Marjorie was the great granddaughter of Col. G.C. Thilenius a pioneer and civic leader of Cape Girardeau in the late 1800s through the turn of the century. Marjorie was married to Wayman R. (Tommy) Thompson who preceded her in death in 1987. She attended Franklin school and was active in sports and music. The violin was her favored instrument but she also acquired proficiency in piano and dancing. In later years she played with the Cape Girardeau Symphony and for a time, had a small group named "Marge and Her Singing Strings". She attended the original Central High School and was active in music and served as concert mistress of the orchestra. After high school graduation she briefly attended Southeast Missouri State University before meeting her husband "Tommy" during WW II. She married Wayman R. "Tommy" Thompson on June 25th, 1943 while he was receiving his commission as pilot and he later flew the B-24 Liberator to Italy where he completed 52 missions. Wayman "Tommy" Thompson hailed from southeast Alabama, "The Valley" and the southern charm was installed into the family. While flying missions, his daughter "Nancy Carolyn" was born on July 21, 1944. After his discharge, Tommy and Marge along with her parents were co-owners of Sunny Hill Feed and Seed Store

and Sunny Hill Poultry Co. Inc. Trisha Catherine was born on October 11, 1946 and the family grew their business until 1958 where the Poultry Processing Plant was relocated to Cabool, Missouri. While raising two young daughters, Marge was an active participant in both business and parenting; she was the office manager for the business and taught Sunday school in Cape and then continued her support of Girl Scouts when the family moved to Cabool. Marge served on many civic committees and was recognized by the school board and the mayors office. Her work with the Girl Scouts earned her the "Women of Impact" award from the Otahki Council in 2004 for her continued support of scouts in the Cape Girardeau area. Two more daughters were born while in Cabool, Missouri, Julia Elizabeth and Lisa Anna as the poultry business continued to grow. The eldest daughter, Nancy, married and Marge acquired her pilot's license as the family flew to various locations around the southeast for business and pleasure. In 1966, Marge and her husband, Tommy, retired to southwest Florida where they established several businesses and raised their second set of daughters. She continued her support of scouting and became an exceptional golfer. In 1977, she returned to her ancestral home at Longview, where she and Tommy became active volunteers at Southeast Hospital Association Foundation. She became a lifetime member of the Women's Auxiliary and served the Cape area Meals on Wheels program. Marge was also involved with the Creative Arts Guild, the Humane Society, SEMO Council of the Arts, Cape Genealogical Society, State and National Trusts for Historic Preservation, the Historical Society of Greater Cape Girardeau, the Bicentennial Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission. Her foremost volunteer interest was serving as an officer and Director of the Cape River Heritage Museum for many years. In 2003, she received the "Award of Excellence" in Historic Preservation from the Sigma Pi Kappa Chapter of Southeast Missouri State University. Marge was known for her eternal optimism, her love of a "great time" with friends and family, her commitment to recording the Keller and Thilenius heritage and her dedication to her ancestral estate known as "Longview". She was a lifetime member of

Evangelical United Church of Christ. Her survivors include daughters Nancy and her husband Frank E. L. Hommedieu III from Tallahassee, Fla., Trisha Kell, residing at Longview, Julia Thompson, recently moved to Cape Girardeau and residing at Longview; Lisa Thomas from Raleigh, N.C.; grandson, Darren L. Hommedieu and granddaughter-in-law, Christine L. Hommedieu and their children Nicole and Tommy from Cape Coral FL; granddaughters, Kristen Kell, from Miami, Fla., Audrey Stanfield from New York City, N.Y., and Michelle Stanfield, Raleigh N.C.; nephew, Wayman Duffey from Newnan Ga.; and numerous relatives in the Cape Girardeau and Central South Alabama region. Visitation and a Celebration of Marjorie's life will be from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel on Thursday, July 28th with special remembrances starting at 5:30 pm. Burial will be a private family ceremony on Friday, July 29, 2011 at Lorimier Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the Col. G. C. Thilenius and Marjorie H. Thompson Historic Preservation Scholarship Fund or the Marjorie H. Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund for Theatre and Dance at Southeast University Foundation; 1 University Plaza, MS-7300, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Tribute Wall

CD

“ I just read of your Mother's passing. She and My Mother(Mary Hill)were good friends they shared so much at Christmas. She will be missed. Keep your memories in your heart. May God bless you.

Carolyn Huggins/Mary Hill daughter - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Trish, It is my prayer that you are surrounded by the love and support of family and friends. You celebrated your mother with such energy and enthusiasm. I feel honored to have been able to meet her recently. You fought the good fight right by her side, such a tribute to her life. My sympathy, love, and more love Angie Tygett

angie tygett - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ My friendship with Marge was a beautiful journey and a treasure. Her friendship gave me a whole new world to experience. She was the true fascinating lady. Farewell my friend and thank you for so many memories.

Terri Foley - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ We will not be able to be with the family at this time, but our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Marge will be missed by so many! Much love and prayers, Marvin Jr & Carolyn Best EUCC

Marvin Jr & Carolyn Best - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am sorry to hear of the loss of such a wonderful, caring, witty, fun loving person. Margie will be deeply missed, but well remembered. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Steve Snell - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ It was a blessing to know Marge and to work with her at the Cape River Heritage Museum. Sending much love, thoughts, and prayers to all her friends and family. What wonderful memories we all have, and some great stories too!

Robyn (Mainor) Anderson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My condolences to the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Mark Brandenburg - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Marjorie (as she had us write on the checks) welcomed us to Cape. Marj. was like our second mother at times but also a friend. This fascinating lady will always hold a special place in our hearts.

George & Kim Ganske - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Julia and family, It is a sad day when a Mom passes. My heart goes out to you, you are in my thoughts...

Trish Walden - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *The first time I met Marjorie was on the golf course. She was a very special lady and a true friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends! God Bless!*

Beverly Prater - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *There will never be another Marge. I love and miss her. Until we meet again...*

Belinda Milton - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Julie- I was sorry to read in the paper about your mom. Though it's been many years since we've connected (except at high school reunions) you and your family hold a special place in my heart. After all- back in 5th grade you invited me to your birthday slumber party - my first slumber party ever! Oh well, many good memories. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Take care.*

Becky Fedeson Schmidt - June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM