



Mrs. Maryalice Quick Mayberry

August 17, 1918 - October 27, 2024

Maryalice Quick Mayberry, a remarkable woman of 106 years, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2024, in Clemson, South Carolina.

Born in 1918 to the late Vernon and Cora Quick of Binghamton, New York, she was preceded in death by her adored husband, John Mayberry, her siblings, Henry E. Quick and Eleanor M. Kimball, and her beloved niece Alice Quick Crawford Truman.

She is survived by her niece and nephews: Susan Quick Rice, Christopher Kimball, Robert Kimball, and several grandnieces and grandnephews. She also cherished John Mayberry's children: Jack Mayberry, Margit Mayberry-Mulligan, Leslie Ann Mayberry-King, and Peter Mayberry, along with their children.

Maryalice graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Psychology and earned a master's degree in counseling and reading from Columbia University's Teachers College. She began her career at the Children's Center in Detroit, Michigan, providing therapeutic support to young children. She then moved to Rochester, New York, to work as a school psychologist.

At the age of 56, she married John Mayberry, a widower with four children.

Together, they built two homes, traveled extensively, and enjoyed square dancing and Clemson Football and Baseball. They entered the Peace Corps in the early years of their marriage, serving in Columbia, South America, for two years. She and John also made significant contributions to Clemson University, including initiating a symposium on diversity. They entertained many foreign Clemson students over the years, many of whom stayed in touch right up until her passing.

Maryalice lived life fully, passionately, creatively, and with curiosity. She cared deeply about children. As a school psychologist in Rochester, New York, she turned a classroom into a learning lab to help kindergartners be more successful in school. She collected children's drawings during her travels in Latin America because she was curious about what was important to them and how they understood their world. She always tried to do her part in making the world a better place. Maryalice was a loyal friend and had many of them. A terrific listener, she loved to hear stories about their lives. For her 100th birthday she threw a huge party, bringing together friends from all the years of her life. She was a great storyteller; her friends and family loved hearing about her crazy adventures. She loved her family and was an extraordinary aunt. She loved being her husband John's wife, embracing his family and his interests. After they were married, she and John built a water-circulating solar house, long before solar panels. She was one of a kind and will be sorely missed by her friends and family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson, 230 Pendleton Rd., Clemson, SC, 29631 on December 7th at 1:00 PM. All are welcome. For those who are unable to attend in person, the Celebration will be available by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99007350403?pwd=eANuLLuESlpcGY2dtvrBUwqspyBBLv.1> Meeting ID: 990 0735 0403 Passcode: 117091

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson
230 Pendleton Road
Clemson, SC 29631

Tribute Wall

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“*Maryalice was a special friend. Although we met through my work at Clemson that friendship carried on for many years after I left Clemson. As a friend of 30 years we aged together and shared many of life's up's and down. She taught me how to succeed in staying positive through all. I shall miss our visits. Jean Mercer*

Jean Mercer - December 31, 2024 at 07:54 AM