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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Georgina England Swanson

Was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 31, 1911. Her father, George Borgman, was an immigrant from Sweden and died before she was born. Her mother, Ellen, later married Victor Holmquist, and had two more children, Eleanor and Vernon Holmquist.

Georgina (Jo) grew up on Grimes Avenue in the Edina Morningside area. Later she lived at 52nd & Ewing, and attended the Robert Fulton School and Vocational College. As a child, she enjoyed the outdoors, skating and skiing and "playing house" with her sister and brother. She became a member of First Baptist Church at age fourteen when she "walked the aisle" with her mother. She continued to be an active member ever since and enjoyed many lifelong friendships through First Baptist Church.

She met and fell in love with George Sheffield England, Sr. and they were married in 1933 at home. They had two sons: George (Judd) Sheffield England, Jr. and John Philip England, and a daughter: Marsha Ellen England, who died at only a couple days old. They had a lake cabin and screen house on the north shore of Medicine Lake near Mission Farms. She assisted her husband in running Hospitality House in Minneapolis and often traveled with him on preaching and speaking engagements. She worked for many years at Augsburg Publishing; eight years steady until her children were born and she stayed at home to care for them, then part time filling in at various positions during their busy seasons and when temporary vacancies occurred, and again full time after George Sr. passed away in 1962. After she was widowed, she lived at 30th & James in Minneapolis, near Lake Calhoun.

She met and married Charles (Chuck) Everett Swanson and moved into his home on a beautiful large mature lot on Edgewood Avenue North in Golden Valley in 1971. They lived there until 1996, when they moved to 7500 York in Edina. She was widowed for the second time in 2002. She was married to George S. England, Sr. for 29 years, and to Charles (Chuck) E. Swanson for 31 years.

Grandma Jo was most proud of her granddaughters: Karen Ellen England Roslik, Katharine (Katie) England Zimmerman (1972-1999), Karna Christina Millen, and Elizabeth Sheffield England. She enjoyed telling about their accomplishments and how proud she was of them! She spent as much time as possible (summer and winter) at Whitecap Mountains outside of Hurley, Wisconsin. Her granddaughters were on skis before they could walk! She enjoyed sitting in the chalet and watching them come down the ski runs. In 1980, she and Grandpa Chuck built a beautiful A-frame chalet (Valkommen Inn) which was a short trek by footbridge from atop the Bunny Hill. There she could enjoy all of the comforts of home in a scenic rustic lodge cabin. The whole family would gather for fun in the snow and fellowship.

Grandma Jo loved to travel, and she loved to take her family with her! She traveled by streetcar, bus, automobile, train, airplane, pleasure boat, paddleboat, and cruise ship. She loved to have the family gather together and celebrate holidays and birthdays. She loved to cook for all of us when she could! Grandma enjoyed China Painting. She painted several sets of dishes and "tabletop treasures". She lived through the Depression and said, "what we had was enough". Later in life, she enjoyed having teddy bears, because she did not have one as a child. She was a faithful, kind, tender-hearted, and peaceful woman who loved the Lord! She found hope and strength in her relationship with God! She enjoyed visiting with others and loved to tell and listen to stories. She always had some kind of "treat" to offer a visitor. She kept her mind sharp and loved learning "new" words, doing puzzles, and playing Rook. She read the dictionary and her Bible and always kept up on current events.

Georgina (Jo) was a wonderful Woman, Wife, Ma, Grandma & Friend! She passed away on October 17, 2007 in the Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina. She lived 96 years, 1 month, and 16 days of Grace & Dignity. She is being laid to rest in Lakewood Cemetery between both of her beloved husbands. And is also preceded in death by her granddaughter: Katie England Zimmerman. She is survived by her "Kids": Judd (Jean) England and John (Sonja) England; Grandchildren: Karen England (Kaz) Roslik, Karna (Todd) Millen, and Elizabeth England, and Chris Zimmerman; Sister: Eleanor Hanson; other relatives, and lifelong friends. She will truly be missed! *Absent from the Body is Present with the Lord! Today we Celebrate her Life on Earth!*



SERVICE
Wed., Oct. 24, 2007 11:00 AM
Albin Chapel
6855 Rowland Road
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VISITATION ~ 1 hour prior

INTERMENT
Lakewood Cemetery
Minneapolis, Minnesota

MEMORIALS PREFERRED TO
First Baptist Church, Mpls.