



## Mary "Doris" Magnuson

August 8, 1920 - August 22, 2013

Mrs. Mary "Doris" Magnuson, age 93, formerly of Oak Ridge & Knoxville, passed away Thursday, August 22, 2013, at The Heart Remembers in Shelbyville, TN.

Memorial services will be held on September 12, 2013 at 1:00 PM at the Highland Memorial Chapel. Interment will be at Highland Memorial Park in Knoxville, Tennessee.

In addition to her parents, Doris was preceded in death by her husband Dale Magnuson and seven siblings, George Eidt, John Myers, Alan Vincent, Ruth Anne, Herbert Warren, David deRyck (Pat), Alice Elizabeth (Betty). She is survived by her sister Barbara Silva of Moss Beach, California.

Doris is also survived by sons: Dwight (Brenda) Magnuson, Boise, Idaho, Paul (Jean) Magnuson, Chamblee, Georgia, Phillip (Gayl) Magnuson, Boise, Idaho; daughters: Christina (William) Flynt, Duluth, Georgia, and Carol (Charles Stimpson) Magnuson, Shelbyville, Tennessee; 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren.

Mary "Doris" Lent was born August 8, 1920 to George Washington Lent & Alice Louise Myers, in Watervliet, New York. Her early years were marked by the family trials of American life through the years of the Depression. She

graduated from High School in Troy, NY and attended Russell Sage College also in Troy. She attended Columbia University, NY, obtaining a degree in Library Science.

Doris and Dale met at Columbia through mutual friends and were married at Riverside Church in NYC Dec. 8, 1944. They then moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee where husband Dale worked on the early research for the Manhattan Project. Dale & Doris later moved to Knoxville in 1954 where they lived until moving to Shelbyville, TN in 2009.

Doris split her energies between raising the growing family of 5 children and making lifelong friends from both Oak Ridge and Knoxville communities. There were frequent camping trips throughout the Southeast. Many other weekends were spent in the Smokies, often at the favorite "swimming-hole" spot. She also worked hard at using and storing the ample produce from Dale's garden to provide almost fresh food throughout the year.

Doris and Dale shared a long marriage together and a mutual interest in many things. They both had a deep interest in the natural world which they pursued by learning about all the local flowers & plants, extensive travel, literature and the fine arts including the Knoxville Symphony. They both continued to learn about the world throughout their lives. Both enjoyed frequent gatherings with friends. For many years she participated in their joint bridge group, her sewing circle and church activities at Bearden United Methodist Church.

In 1964, the family moved to Vienna, Austria for two years. All the family experienced the older European cultures of Austria, Italy, France, Greece and Yugoslavia and this left an indelible mark on Doris. They took full advantage of the opportunity to see the great sights of Europe and also experience many areas with summer camping. Later in life, she and Dale made many return trips to Europe through the Elder Hostel educational programs. Notable trips

included Greece and a journey up the coastal fjords of Norway on a mail/ferry boat.

As the children matured, Doris returned to the library field and worked at the Knoxville's Lawson McGee Library, primarily at the Reference Desk. She enjoyed fielding questions that tested her knowledge and would always find an answer to questions from the patrons. All her children frequently received newspaper article updates related to their interests.

Doris was a wonderful & dedicated correspondent, had beautiful penmanship, and kept in touch with many friends and relatives via letters before the day of easy phone conversations. She maintained contact with as many people as possible, sometimes with those she had only briefly encountered.

She also was a member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization that supports education for women and had many friends in the group. She also volunteered at the UT Hospital NICU, spending time in the unit with newborns and knitting small caps for premature infants. Doris also remained active in the Scottish folk dance group of Knoxville, continuing well into her latter years.

Memorials can be made to your charity of choice.

The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service at Highland Memorial Chapel.