



Evelyn Martin Ellingson Obituary

May 31, 1919 - June 15, 2013

Evelyn Martin Ellingson

Oak Ridge Pioneer

Evelyn Martin Ellingson died June 15, 2013 at her residence in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. She was born May 31, 1919 in Cullman, Alabama to Dr. James C. Martin and Louise Reinstadler Martin.

Evelyn attended the University of Alabama from 1937 to 1941 and so began her unwavering love of the Crimson Tide. Upon receiving her Bachelor's of Business Administration, she came to Oak Ridge and was hired as the 179th employee at the Tennessee Eastman Company where she worked in the accounting department. It was there in Oak Ridge that she met Idaho native Bob Ellingson and they were later married in 1945 spending 64 years together before his death in 2009.

After leaving the work force and starting a family, she volunteered in many organizations including AAUW where she served as President from 1963-1965 and continued her membership for another 55 years. She also actively participated in the League of Women Voters, 43 Club, ORCMA Guild, Oak Ridge Committee of 50, the State Board of Christian Churches and First Christian Church. As one of the original charter members of the church, she helped build a thriving church community and served as librarian and historian for many years. As historian, she chronicled the 25th, 35th and 50th anniversaries of the church and later went on to write the history of Christian Women's Fellowship at FCC. During their 64 years of marriage, Evelyn and Bob traveled the world attending many educational travel and learning vacations through Elderhostel.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband and parents as well as siblings Grace Martin Waid and Eunice Martin Phillips. She is survived by daughters Missy Bowen of Oak Ridge and Donna and Don Loftis of Albuquerque, as well as three grandchildren Ashley Bowen of Knoxville, Amy and Jim Kirchoff of Tucson, and Rob and Peggy Loftis of Albuquerque; and four great-grandchildren, Evelyn and Jack Kirchoff and Robert and Nate Loftis. She is also survived by sister-in-law Carolyn Petersen and her husband Herb of Sunnyvale, California and three nieces, Mary Grace Holder of Atlanta, Ellen Cunningham

of Birmingham and Linda Allen of Scottsdale and one nephew, Mark Petersen of Sunnyvale, California.

The service will be held June 21, 2013 at First Christian Church of Oak Ridge (100 Gum Hollow Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830) with receiving of friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Steven Sherman and Rev. Jesse Bradshaw will be officiating. Graveside services will immediately follow at Oak Ridge Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the AAUW Scholarship Fund, Attn: AAUW Treasurer, 102 Newton Lane, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830 or to First Christian Church Memorial Fund, 100 Gum Hollow Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830.

Comments



“ Bill and I met Mrs. Ellingson in Gatlinburg, TN after discussing the University of Alabama association due to wearing Crimson & White. After further visiting discovered she was from Cullman, Alabama and a classmate of my parents - Hazel Phillips and Dennis Blalock. She was a delightful person and we enjoyed learning about each other and the many events since she was in high school. So sorry for your loss.

Brenda Blalock Kirkham - Decatur, AL - daughter of high school classmat - December 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Evelyn was such a strong support of her church not only locally but in the community, state and nationally. It meant so much to her and she was real leader and caring friend to so many people. as well as her family. Once she gave me a special cup and saucer from her collection which I treasure. She was a blessing to the world and will be missed.
Lovingly. Mildred Tindall

Mildred Tindall - Oak Ridge, TN - Oak Ridge Church friend - June 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Missy and Dee,

Your mother will be greatly missed. Evelyn was a force to be reckoned with and I have always admired her spirit and fortitude. She was a great role model and I will miss her. My condolences to you and your families.

Ellen Tewes

Ellen Tewes - Nashville, TN - Friend - June 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Missy, I am truly sorry. May God give you peace, comfort and strenght. If there is anything I can do, please know that I am here.

Brigitte Seiber - Oliver Springs, TN - Friend and Co-worker - June 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Missy,
Sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. It was just last month that you and I had a short visit as we both visited our mothers. You and your family are in my prayers.

Walt Fuller

Walter Fuller - Hillsborough, NJ - friend - June 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Missy,
I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. I know how rough it's been for the last few years, so I know she is rejoicing in her new body! May you find peace and comfort during the coming days and if you need anything, please let me know.

Lee Ann Jackson - Rockwood, TN - Friend and Co-worker - June 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Missy, We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Louie & Judy Finley

Louie Finley - Loudon, TN - Friend - June 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Missy, I have known you and your parents for a very long time. Our prayers go out to you and the family. She will be missed by so many.
She could be a very funny and smart lady. She always spoke her mind and wasn't afraid to do so. She was loved by many and now she is once again with her loving husband. I am so happy for her.
Blessings to all of you and God Bless.
In Christian Love, Buddy and Judy

Buddy and Judy Jenkins - Oak Ridge, TN - Friend - June 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ To Missy. So sorry for the loss of your Mother. She is free of all pain at last. Words can not ease your grief. May you have great memories.

Your friends in Christ

PJ & Joy

PJ & Joy Allen - Oak Ridge, TN - June 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM