



Marion Allen

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Marion A. Allen, 78, died at 4:30 pm Friday, Nov 03, 2017 at Morningside Assisted Living in Godfrey, IL.

Marion was born in Montreal May 13, 1939, as the procession of King George and Queen Elizabeth passed by on their historic Canadian tour. Marion was daughter to the late Henry Richard Ahrens Jr. and Virginia Payne Ahrens.

Marion attended Pembroke University in 1957 where she met her husband to be, Dr. Hubert Lee Allen III. They were married in 1960 in White Plains, NY. Post-graduation they resided in the Alton community with the Allen family before moving to Champaign, IL in 1971. Marion had two children, Hubert Lee Allen IV and Geoffrey Morgan Allen.



Marion lived abroad with her family in Italy at the American Academy in Rome and in Aidone, Sicily from 1975-1977. While abroad Marion and Dr. Allen helped to develop a working relationship between the University of Illinois and the University of Princeton for the joint developed studies of the archeological excavation of Morgantina, Sicily.

Upon returning to the United States Marion worked as a legal secretary and nursing home assistant with Americana Health Care in the Champaign area from 1978-1984. In 1984 Marion's career promotion took her and the family to Denver, Co, where she was the Nursing Home Administrator through 1989. Marion then relocated to Virginia for further employment opportunities.

Marion worked for the law firm of Harrison and Hughes in Alexandria, VA from the 1990's through the early 2000's. Harrison and Hughes provided Marion the flexibility to assist her direct and extended family in times of need. Marion took this opportunity and

returned with her husband to her family in Alton, IL to stay with her mother-in-law Roberta (Berta) Allen. This provided quality family time with her husband Hugh through his passing from cancer in 1995. Marion repeated this for mother Virginia in 1999 and her aunt Virginia Warner (Mimi Warner) of Stoney Creek, Connecticut in 2001.

Upon her retirement in the mid 2000's Marion moved to North Branford, CT and resumed her extensive travels abroad to places such as Turkey, France, Russia, Italy, Poland and Spain. Marion had an in depth knowledge and a strong passion for the Arts. Her personal hobbies were sculpting and photography. Marion was fluent in both Italian and French.

Marion was preceded in death by the passing of her first son, Lee in the fall of 1974 and the passing of her husband Hugh in the spring of 1995.

Marion is survived by her son Geoffrey and wife Judith Ann Allen, and grandchildren Ashley Suzanne Allen and Geoffrey Morgan Allen II, of Leesburg, VA; Her brother Richard and wife Jo Ahrens of Little River, CA with their daughter Julie; two brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Ben and his wife Trudi Allen of Alton, IL; Maj. Christopher Allen and wife Rosie of Culpepper, VA. She was aunt to Benjamin, Peter with his wife Gina, Betsy Allen, Cade, Spencer, Stephanie, and Bryce with his wife Kamara. Marion was great aunt to Hunter and Hubert Allen along with Lilly, Claire and Jack Puent.

There will be no visitation

A private memorial will be held over Thanksgiving weekend.

Memorials would be welcome for Alzheimer's research

Gent Funeral Home in Alton, IL is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com