



Florence M. Westfall

October 11, 1923 - January 10, 2018

Florence Marcella Westfall, 94, passed away on January 11, 2018 at Bayview Nursing Home. She was born October 11, 1923, a daughter of Charles T. and Nellie Collins Bishop. A native of Detroit, Michigan, she was a graduate of Wayne State University, studying art and elementary through secondary education. She was an accomplished artist herself and an early supporter of the Art Association of St. Augustine.

With her husband, Charles Richard Westfall, she lived on various Air Force bases throughout the U.S., always finding teaching positions in local schools. While stationed in Morocco, North Africa, she established the first kindergarten for children of military personal of that base.

The couple moved to St. Augustine following her husband's retirement in 1964. Florence was actively involved in the early stages of the Head Start and Teachers Aide programs. She taught primary subjects at Evelyn Hamblen School and was also a public-school art teacher.

Always social, she enjoyed EMMA concerts, Officers' Club functions, Wildflower Club and hosting large holiday parties. She has been a very active member of the First United Methodist Church. She was an enthusiastic world traveler, making long visits to many exotic places – China, Sweden, Poland, Japan, U.K., and Turkey to name only a few. She is survived by her step-daughter, Judy Westfall; her nieces, Linda Jones Rausch and Pamela Jenkins; her nephew, David Bishop; numerous step-grand and great grandchildren; and, great and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband; her sister, Ruth Lorraine Jones; her brother, Charles Bainbridge Bishop and her step-son, Kurt Westfall.

A Funeral service will be held on January 16, 2018, 2:00 pm at Craig Funeral Home.

As a true citizen of the world, she requested that anyone desiring to offer a memorial consider a contribution to Heifer International, "Cows for Peace". The organization may be contacted at 1-800-422-0755 or www.heifer.org.

Craig Funeral Home, Crematory and Memorial Park is in charge of arrangements. Her remains will be reunited with those of her husband at Arlington National Cemetery.

Comments



“ My husband and I bought the house 14 Linda Mar in 1992. For the next twenty years, we lived there for half the year. Florence was the first neighbor who befriended us, and she did so immediately. She was a remarkable woman, and I always enjoyed visiting with her.

Ellen Blais

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