

Marita Johnson

August 26, 1938 – December 18, 2021

Marita Carol Miller, 83, was born to Francis and Greta Miller in Robinson, IL, on August 26, 1938. Her family later moved to Victor, MT, and she attended Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT, where she earned an associate of arts degree. This is where she met Wilbur D. “Deke” Johnson, and they married in Seattle on March 29, 1959, after which they moved to Missoula, MT, following the completing of his tour of duty. They later moved to Kalamazoo, MI, where Deke earned his doctorate and subsequently moved to Stillwater when Deke accepted a position at Oklahoma State University. Marita eventually began working full time in personnel services in the College of Agriculture at OSU. Marita was preceded in death by her parents; nephew-in-law, Fred Blanchard; brother-in-law, Chris Crawford; nephew, Jay Crawford; and niece, Lori Crawford. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son, Brian (Sandy); granddaughters, Jessica (Timothy), Elizabeth, and Sarah; son, Todd (Patrick); sister, Myrna Crawford; brother, Merlyn Miller (Maxine), as well as by several nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and cousins.