



Jane Johns

October 18, 2009

Johns, Jane (Thomas) Born in the Twin Cities, Minnesota April 30th, 1920 to Edward J. Thomas and Marie Thomas. Preceded in death by her parents; son, Scott; sister, Rosemary Thomas Perpich & her husband, Thomas J. Perpich. Survived by her husband of 55 years, Harry E. Johns; children, Janie Johns O'Reilley (Terry) of Buffalo Lake, Minnesota and Kevin Thomas Johns (Marjorie), and grandson, Fernando Equez Suarez Johns of Jordan, Minnesota; brother, James Edward Thomas; sister-in-law, Joannie Wolens Thomas; niece, Shari Perpich Curet (Stuart); and nephew, Shawn Riley Thomas. Graduate of University of Minnesota Twin Cities in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science Degree and in 1942 with a Master's Degree. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Lambda Theta. Taught at Wisconsin's Wausau Senior High School for three years before joining the U.S. Navy as an Officer Candidate in 1944. Commissioned as a Ensign in the Waves and served as a guidance counselor for two years at the US Naval Hospital, San Diego, California. Upon her return to civilian life she was employed at the Minneapolis Star Tribune Company. While at the Minneapolis Star and Tribune Company during the Korean Conflict in 1951 she was recalled to active duty at NAAS Kingsville, Texas as the Officer Personal Officer. At the end of the Korean Conflict returned to the Minneapolis Star and Tribune Company. While in Kingsville, TX she met her future husband, Lt. Harry E. Johns USN who was returning from the Korean Conflict. They were later married in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 6, 1954. They were stationed at US

Naval Mission Havana, Cuba where Janie was born. Then to Fleet All Weather Training Squadron at Key West, Florida where Scott was born. And then to Norfolk, Virginia where Harry was a Naval Liaison Officer at the US Coast Guard 5th District Headquarters and where Kevin was born. Their final duty station was Treasure Island in San Francisco, California. Upon his retirement in 1964 they returned to Edina, Minnesota, where she was active in the Community, Public Schools, and Our Lady of Grace School and Church. Moved from their Woodland Road, Edina residence to a condominium also in Edina, Minnesota. Jane has spent the last 6 years at St. Therese's Assisted Living in Hopkins, MN. Special thank you to Allina Hospice and team leader Lisa for their loving care of Jane. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to donor's choice. Mass of Christian Burial Monday 11:00 AM at the Church of Our Lady of Grace, 5071 Eden Ave., Edina, with visitation one hour prior to Mass at the church. Private interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996