



## Emily H. Johnston

October 21, 1919 - September 27, 2017

Emily H. Johnston, former Emporium resident, passed away in Ver0 Beach, FL on September 27, 2017, at the age of 97. Emily and her family resided in Emporium from 1958 through 1973. Emily continued to value her many friends and warm memories from Emporium through the remainder of her life.

Emily was born on October 21, 1919, during the height of the influenza epidemic that was sweeping our nation and the world in the wake of WW I. She was raised in a loving and caring family by parents Charles W. and Emily Taylor Hutchinson. Together with younger brother Charles, Jr., and younger sister Mary Margaret, the family lived in a house in Huntington WV built by her grandfather. Her father's successful fire sprinkler business provided her family with a comfortable life during the depression years.

Emily met her husband, Bruce Johnston, on a blind date arranged by her father and his buddy, Charlie Price. They married soon thereafter on October 16, 1948. Bruce had moved to Huntington from Emporium to open a Sylvania plant during WW II, and they lived in Huntington for almost 10 years thereafter. Their first child, Charles David was born on October 2, 1949, followed by daughter Margaret Ruth, born on July 14, 1951. In February 1958 Bruce was transferred back to Emporium, PA, where David and Margaret were raised.

After Bruce retired in 1973, he and Emily travelled widely and saw a lot of North America with their Airstream trailer. They then settled in Pompano Beach, FL near Emily's father and her sister Mary and family. In 1989 Emily

and Bruce moved to the ACTS facility at Indian River Estates (“IRE”) in Vero Beach, FL. ACTS, a continuing care retirement center, was a fabulous home for them, as was Vero Beach, where they helped establish St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, which has continued to thrive.

After 44 wonderful years of marriage, Bruce passed away in November 1992, while they were on a trip to Key West with friends. Emily continued to live at IRE for 25 years, eventually moving from her villa to an apartment and then three years ago to assisted living. Her final weeks have been in the onsite skilled nursing facility, Willow Brooke Court. She received excellent care throughout her later years at IRE.

Emily is survived by her son, David and his wife Beth, her daughter Margaret and her husband Thomas Ervin, and her four grandchildren, Lauren Johnston Elliott (Rick), Taylor Johnston, Amanda Ervin and James Ervin. She is also survived by her younger sister Mary Margaret Wimmer and her two children, Leslie Wimmer and Scott Wimmer (Glo Cunningham).

Emily enjoyed a blessed life surrounded by many friends and family. She passed away peacefully in her sleep on September 27, 2017. Her life will be celebrated in a memorial service to be held in Vero Beach, FL on October 21, 2017, which would have been Emily’s 98th birthday.

Emily was active in various community organizations in Emporium, including the Altar Guild at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Eastern Star, Girl Scouts, the Emporium Country Club, and the American Cancer Society.

Memorial gifts may be made to Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Emporium.

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# Cemetery Details

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