

Lois Imhoff

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Lois J. Imhoff, 79, of Fayetteville, Ark., died Saturday, May 21, 2005, in Fayetteville.

She was born in Lexington, Ky., on December 19, 1925, to Edwin Charles and Henrietta R. Johnson. She grew up in Lexington; St. Paul, Minn.; Alexandria, Va.; and Kansas City, Mo., where she graduated from Southwest High School. She graduated with a B.A. in Business Administration from Duke University in Durham, N.C.

Lois worked professionally for Hallmark Brothers Inc., Pratt and Whitney Inc., the U.S. Air Force and Woodward and Lothrop prior to her marriage to Professor John L. Imhoff, who preceded her in death on March 16, 2005. They moved to Fayetteville in 1952, where they raised their family.

Lois Imhoff became a civic leader in Fayetteville and, later, an active conservationist with the State of Arkansas. In Fayetteville, she served as Justice of the Peace of the Washington County Quorum Court, was a member of the Advisory Council for the Single Parent Scholarship of Washington County and the Citizens Advisory Board of Northwest Rehabilitation Hospital and received the Woman of the Year award in 1989 from the Fayetteville Business and Professional Women.

She also was a Commissioner on the Northwest Arkansas Regional Citizen Advisory Commission, Vice Chair for the City of Fayetteville's Citizen Advisory Committee on Municipal Wastewater Planning and a member of the city's Pollution Control and Energy Committee. At the University of Arkansas, she was a Special Projects Assistant in the Office of Development. In addition, she served as a Director of the Fayetteville United Fund and the NOARK Girl Scout Council.

She was a member of the Fayetteville Business and Professional Women, Central United Methodist Church, Twentieth Century Literary Club, Highlands Chapter of the Ozark Society, White River EPA of Northwest Arkansas, Washington County Democratic Women, Fayetteville Garden Club and the American Association of University Women. In 2000, she received the Fayetteville Women's History Month Award by Altrusa International.

She served the State of Arkansas as a Funding Trustee for the Arkansas Nature Conservancy field office and was the President of the Arkansas League of Women Voters, Secretary of the Ozark Society, Vice President of the Arkansas Energy Conservation Coalition, VISTA Volunteer for the Arkansas Ecology Center, and a member of the Governor of Arkansas State Policy Advisory Committee on Water Quality, the Governor of Arkansas Resource Management Council, the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Wildlife Federation, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Advisory Council, the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Solar Coalition and the North Arkansas Highland Trail Association.

She received the Neil Compton Award from the Ozark Society for her work as Secretary of the Society from 1963-1972 and for her leadership during those years when the Buffalo River achieved National River status.

She also served nationally as a member of the Environmental Quality Committee of the League of Women Voters of the United States and on the State Advisory Council of the U.S. E.P.A., Region VI.

In addition to serving her community, Lois enjoyed traveling, gardening, hiking, canoeing, weaving and quilting. She left a legacy of turning vision into reality!

She is survived by son, John E. Imhoff, M.D., and his wife, Susan, of Sea Island; daughter, Karen E. Anderson and her husband, Richard B. Anderson, of Weston, Conn.;

son, Carl H. Imhoff and his wife, Kristen S., of Richland, Wash.; and five grandsons, John C. Anderson, John C. Imhoff, Daniel H. Imhoff, Kurt S. Imhoff and Robert C. Imhoff.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 25, 2005, in the Convocation Room at the Butterfield Trail Village in Fayetteville.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.nelsonberna.com.

Memorials may be made in her honor to the Fayetteville Public Library -- Read A Loud Collection, c/o Louise Schafer, 401 West Mountain St., Fayetteville, AR 72701.

Nelson-Berna Funeral Home and Crematory of Fayetteville is in charge of arrangements.