

Obituary

Marion Love Knudsen, age 83, of Homosassa Springs, FL was born on November 22, 1927 in Baarn, in the Netherlands. Soon after her birth her parents returned to Shanghai, China where her Father was employed.

During a visit to her grandmother in Virginia in 1937 the Sino-Japanese War broke out and they were stuck in the US. They had an offer to stay at a "camp" in Kingsley Lake, FL. They arrived there to find the cabin had no running water or electricity. It was an adventure.

After they were able to return to China, World War II broke out and they returned to Starke, FL to live on the grounds of FL State Prison. Her father was taken POW by the Japanese.

While on a fishing trip to the Homosassa River, Mrs. Knudsen's mother found a lone stone house for sale on the Hall's River and they moved to Citrus Country.

Mrs. Knudsen soon started High School at the Academy of Holy Names on Bayshore Boulevard in Tampa.

Her Father finally came back from the War and they remained living on the Hall's River. Mrs. Knudsen briefly went to William & Mary College in Virginia but left to become an airline stewardess for Delta. Later she joined National Airlines out of Miami where in 1949 she met and married Harold F. Knudsen, a Naval Aviator who flew in a Hurricane Reconnaissance Squadron. They had one son Jeffrey Knudsen.

Harold Knudsen's Naval career lasted 30 years and they retired to Homosassa Springs, in September of 1973, where Mrs. Knudsen lived until her death on September 19th, 2011 at the age of 83.

Mrs. Knudsen served on the Citrus Country Planning and Development Review Board for 19 years. She was known for doing her homework and as a straight-talking and independent thinker. Her proudest moment with others, was to influence the County Commissioners to buy the Nature World Attraction, which is now the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

She is survived by Harold Knudsen, her husband of almost 62 years and her son Jeffrey. She also has relatives living in Holland and California.



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