

GOLDEN GIRL BIO
MARILYN ROBERTS - 75 YEARS

Marilyn Roberts was raised in Kansas City, Kansas and moved to Wilmington, Delaware, with her parents in 1929. In 1941, Marilyn had completed 2 years at Mary Washington College, but felt she needed to be home during the war years. During the day, she was employed by Craig Advertising Company and at night she commuted to Philadelphia to study art instruction. This was the basis of her painting career. She lived at 1111 Franklin Street with other young women. She met Frank as he was employed with duPont and living with 3 young men at 1309 Franklin Street.

In April of 1945, Marilyn was initiated into Chapter A with Edna Pote, a Charter member officiating the ceremony. She remembers Edna's beautiful face and sincere manner. Marilyn's mother was a P.E.O. and must have encouraged Marilyn to become a sister with the first chapter in Delaware.

Marilyn married Frank in 1946 and you can just imagine the excitement in Chapter A with a young lovely bride! Marilyn and Frank have 5 children: Jeff, Doug, Cindy, Julia and Emily. She enjoys 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Emily is a P.E.O. in Carmel, Indiana. She has joined Chapter A-B for meetings and luncheons when she is in town. We are always excited to have her join us for these joyful occasions.

Chapter A and now Chapter A-B has always had tight bonds through sisterhood. This is illustrated by the story of Marilyn, Frank, Ann Graham and her BIL, Jim. A blizzard was forecast and Marilyn was due to give birth any day so Frank took Marilyn to the Graham's home in Wilmington to be closer to the hospital. Frank stayed with the other children in Hockessin. When the baby was coming, Jim Graham took Marilyn to the hospital and was gracious enough to be called Mr. Roberts by the nursing staff. Our sisterhood has many bonds and loving concerns for our sisters and this certainly extends to our B.I.L.s.

Marilyn's hobbies include opera, painting, antique dolls, dressing cloth dolls in antique clothes, and enjoys hosting Chapter A-B at her lovely home in Jenner's Pond. Marilyn is now 96 years young and remains a vital and faithful P.E.O.