

DORIS L. THORNTON 1919-2010

Doris Thornton, a highly visible and active member of the Tarpon Cove community for twenty years, passed away on August 27, 2010. Doris had moved to a Lakewood, Colorado retirement complex in 2007 to be closer to her family. She nevertheless considered Tarpon Springs, where she had many wonderful memories and close friends, to be her real home. It should be no surprise to anyone who knew Doris that she remained incredibly active even through her final days. She performed in the bell choir, was the repeat spelling bee champion, was an active Red Hatter and never missed a field trip or prayer meeting. She beat everyone to breakfast in the dining hall to help staff set the tables. In the morning of her final day she participated in a vigorous exercise class and Bingo. Later in the day she competed in a trivia contest and Wii bowling where she got second high score among six players. Supper included a live musician and Doris was smiling and clapping with the music. Just a week earlier she had the thrill of seeing her seventeen year old grandson Kristofer play the male lead in West Side Story.

Son Gary was by Doris's side when physical complications of early Alzheimer's disease suddenly overtook her and brought her beautiful life to an end. A celebration of Doris's life is being held at her Lakewood Estates, her Colorado home, on September 12, 2010. Memorial Alzheimer's Association gift donations may be made to the Doris L. Thornton Memorial Fund, at www.alz.org.