



## HOPE S. ABERNETHY

1934-2016

Hope Saunders Abernethy passed away quietly on March 12, 2016. Hope was born on October 31, 1934 in Newton, NC to Arthur and Mary Lucille Saunders. She graduated from Newton-Conover High School in 1953; earned a degree in Nursing in 1956 from the Davis Hospital School of Nursing. She practiced in the nursing profession from 1956 to 1958, helping her husband, Francis (Jack), who she married in December 1956, through college. In 1972 she decided she had successfully raised a daughter and a son to the point that she could return to school. Hope attended the San Jacinto Community College and the University of Houston at Clear Lake where she graduated with honors with a BA in History. She returned to being a nurse, working at St. Joseph Hospital and the JSC Child Care Center in Houston. In Santa Fe she worked part-time at the Indian Hospital.

Hope is survived by her husband of 59 years, Jack Abernethy, a daughter Jackie Pounds and her husband Clark Pounds, a son Michael Abernethy, three brothers, Robert, James, and Jackson Saunders and Terri Saunders, the widow of her brother Macarthur Saunders.

Since moving to Santa Fe in 1990 Hope was active at St. John's United Methodist Church, the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees, P.E.O., and her close friends, the Shirleys.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to P.E.O. Foundation, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312.