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ELSA LEONARD Obituary

ELSA LEE LEONARD (Age 84)

Elsa Leonard passed away suddenly on February 9, 2018. She was born on November 6, 1933 in Appleton, Wisconsin to Leon and Rose Ann Foreman. She attended Occidental

College, where she majored in English and graduated in 1953 after three years. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa during her senior year. Elsa wanted to be a teacher, so she then attended Claremont College and earned her teaching certificate in 1955. While visiting her grandparents in Wisconsin in the summer of 1955, Elsa's grandmother set her up on a blind date with Bill Leonard, the son of a member of her women's club. Bill and Elsa fell madly in love, and were engaged within days of meeting. They married on February 11, 1956 and were together for 48 years, until Bill passed away on June 20, 2004. Bill and Elsa moved to Washington, DC in 1968. She became a resource teacher at Wyngate Elementary School in Bethesda, Maryland. When her children were in high school, Elsa enrolled in the University of Maryland and earned her PhD. She then became an educational diagnostician for MCPS, retiring in 2003. Elsa is survived by her daughter Victoria Leonard (William) of Silver Spring, Maryland; son Scott Leonard (Priscilla) of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; granddaughters Maria Luiza Leonard and Elizabeth Lee Leonard; and Taysir Jaouni, her companion in later years. A memorial service celebrating Elsa's life will be held at Ingleside at King Farm, 701 King Farm Blvd., Rockville, Maryland on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org in the name of Elsa Leonard.

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