



Marie Garner

19 December 1933 – 3 November 2018



Marie lived for her entire life in Chaddesden; indeed, she lived in just two houses throughout her 84 years. She attended Morley Road Primary School from where she earned a place at Parkfield Cedars Grammar School. On leaving school she worked briefly at the railway before securing a position at the Midland Bank in Derby.

Marie and Ken were married at St Mary's Church in Chaddesden, on 16 June 1956. They had two children - Stephen was born in 1959 and Carolyn in 1960.

In the late 1960s Marie began a training course at Bishop Lonsdale College to become a primary school teacher. Once qualified, she took a position at Chaddesden Park Junior School, where she would work for the rest of her career.

In 1992, Marie decided to take early retirement at the age of 58. The following year Ken also retired, and the couple enjoyed many years together, making the most of their retirement. They travelled extensively, visiting 38 states across America, including the beautiful islands of Hawaii. When they weren't on their travels, they enjoyed pottering in the garden together, growing their own vegetables and flowers.

Marie always had an interest in history, and she and Ken became actively involved with the newly formed Chaddesden Historical Group.

Marie also had many other interests. She was committed to keeping her mind active and regularly enjoyed sudoku puzzles, crosswords and jigsaws. She also enjoyed needlepoint, knitting and reading novels. Although Marie didn't necessarily take part in sporting activities, she was an avid spectator. She had a season ticket for many years to watch Derby County and also enjoyed watching cricket and Wimbledon tennis on the television.

Marie always loved listening to and playing music. As a child, she learned to play the piano. Later she would have a piano, an organ and then an electric keyboard.

Marie leaves behind five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Steve Garner

Marie Garner - Lifetime Member of the Chaddesden Historical Group

Marie and Ken attended the first inaugural meeting at Chaddesden Library organised by Tony Bowler (our President) together with Mary Adelman who was Head of the Library on 6 April 2006. Marie and Ken supported the Historical Group for a number of years and Marie joined the committee in 2008 taking on various roles of Assistant Secretary, Assistant Group Photographer to her husband Ken, and Assistant Treasurer.

Marie and Ken produced a wonderful archive of photographs covering events and visits of the Group which reflected all of our activities.

During her teaching career she taught many of our members' children including Deryck and Gill Morley's son Colin.

She was a valued member of Chaddesden Historical Group and will be very much missed.

John Crosby
Chairman