



Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society

In Memoriam

Marjorie Mountjoy (1913-2001)

On Sunday, September 30, 2001, friends of Marjorie Mountjoy, a long-time club member who died on May 25, 2001, gathered to remember her. Neighbors, former co-workers, North American Bluebird Society members, friends, and birders exchanged anecdotes about Marjorie sharing their love for her and their admiration for the way she lived her life. She retired from a distinguished career with the Department of Defense that began during World War II when she came to Washington, D.C. from her native Tennessee. Like so many young women at that time, she considered it her civic duty to assist in the war effort.

Marjorie was a frequent participant in Howard County Bird Club events: meetings, field trips, potlucks, and the Rare Bird Alert telephone tree. She could be counted on to volunteer to staff the club's exhibits at the Howard County Fair, Columbia Mall, and other events. For many years, she volunteered regularly at the North American Bluebird Society headquarters in Silver Spring.

A quote from her mother appropriately summarized Marjorie's life. "Someone has said that we have in old age only what we have brought with us along the way. When I open my old age trunk, I hope that I shall find it filled with faith, contentment, adaptability, tolerance, and a sense of humor." Marjorie's trunk was overflowing.

The Howard County Bird Club is grateful for Marjorie's generous bequest.

--Joanne Solem