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## **Mary Ann Johnson, 92, Teacher in Darien Schools, Attended Senior Dances Weekly Until She Was 90**

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Mary Ann Happer Johnson, 92, passed away peacefully of cancer on May 21, 2021, at the Moosehaven Retirement Community in Orange Park, Florida.

She was born and raised in Kinston, Lenoir County, North Carolina, and was a 1946 graduate of Kinston's Grainger High School. She graduated from the School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, in the Class of 1950 and later earned her master's degree at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

Mary Ann taught for many years at Grainger High School in Kinston and later for many years in Darien

public schools before her retirement.

She moved from Henderson, North Carolina, to Moosehaven in 2015, and absolutely loved the wonderful residents and dedicated staff at Moosehaven and all her new friends at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Green Cove Springs.

Mary Ann loved everyone and never met a stranger. Up until two years ago, she attended senior dances weekly, always leaving her trusty walking cane on the table when she got asked to dance.

She is survived by her brother, Mills Marshall Happer III, of Venice, Florida, and his wife, Karen Scott Happer; along with her nephews, Mills Marshall Happer IV (Tracy L. Ambrozic) of Jacksonville, Florida, and William Murray Happer of Garner North Carolina; and her niece, Carolyn Kirby Happer (James H. Choate) of Orlando Florida.

Her husband, Williamson William Johnson, Jr., predeceased her in 1987. Her mother, Mae Pollock Happer, predeceased her on Sept. 14, 1983, and her father, Mills Marshall Happer, Jr., two days later.

Burial will be a private ceremony at Westview Cemetery in Kinston.

Any memorial donations should be to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 1346, 400 Saint John's Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 or Moosehaven, 1701 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073.

— [an obituary](#) from the *Edwards Funeral Home*