

*In Memory of*

## Charlotte Johnson

**FWIO President 1983-1986**



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Dorothy Charlotte Johnson on January 8, 2017 in Cochrane, Ontario at the age of 91.

As a child, Charlotte attended Women's Institute meetings with her mother and became a Member shortly after her marriage in 1947.

Charlotte held most positions at the Branch, District and Area levels. She was elected Provincial Board Director for the Cochrane-Temiskaming Area in 1980 and, in 1983, was elected Provincial President. One of her first duties as President was to present a quilt made by WI Members to the Ontario Legislature in honour of the Bicentennial of Ontario.

As Provincial President, she attended council meetings in London, England and in Edinburgh, Scotland. She attended the ACWW Conference in 1983 and, in 1986, she led the Ontario delegation to the ACWW Conference in Killarney, Ireland.

In 1982, Charlotte received a volunteer award from the town of Cochrane and, in 1985, she received the Bicentennial medal for community volunteerism. In 1985, she also received her Life Membership in the Clute Women's Institute and, in 1989, a Life Membership in the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Charlotte was President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) from 1994-1997.

Charlotte is remembered as being a visionary; someone with great ideas who was always thinking one step ahead. She was quiet but determined and had the ability to fight for things, all with a sense of calmness. She always thought things over carefully and, if she felt the need to critique something, she always had an idea ready for how it could be improved. In times when her suggestions did not receive the best reactions, she was usually proved to be right in the end. She also had a real sense of humour.

It was Charlotte's idea to host the 90th Anniversary of the Women's Institute in North Bay in 1987. When someone questioned whether it might be a bit far north for some people, Charlotte pointed out that it would be quite a trek south for others. It turned out to be a wonderful event with over 1,000 Members in attendance.

Professionally, Charlotte was an educator and also helped run a family business, Cochrane Sports and Marine Supply. She took great pride in her family and felt her greatest achievement was raising her children and seeing them become successful in their chosen fields. "If we can see our children be happy, productive citizens, then we should all be proud and satisfied," she once said.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to all of Charlotte's family and friends.

## Get Your Very Own Women's Institute Rose!

FWIO has ordered 200 WI rose bushes, which will be ready for spring 2017 delivery.

Pre-order for the price of \$25 + HST. We are requesting a \$10 deposit on all pre-orders, or you may pay in full. Please send a cheque to the Provincial Office, payable to FWIO. If you have any questions, please contact 905-662-2691.

