

Marjorie Barrick, 89

Oct. 9, 1917 - April 29, 2007

Las Vegas, NV - Marjorie Ann Barrick was born Oct. 9 1917 to Clarence J. and Mary Faurshou Jacobsen in Harlan. She spent her earliest years in Kirkman attending up through 6th grade at Kirkman Consolidated School. The family then moved to Harlan where Majorie graduated from the Harlan High School in 1935. She graduated in 1940 with a bachelors degree in economics from Creighton University.

Marjorie and her husband, Edward J. Barrick, moved to Las Vegas, NV in 1951 from Omaha, NE. Edward died in 1979. Like many went to Las Vegas Barrick made a lasting impression. She played a vital role in supporting education, social programs, and the arts in Southern Nevada. Dedicated to public education and debate, Barrick established an endowment at UNLV to fund the Barrick Lecture Series, a long-standing program of distinguished speakers including Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, Mikhail Gorbachev, Jane Goodall, Ken Burns, and South Africa president, F.W. de Klerk. In addition to the lecture series, the UNLV endowment created and supports the Barrick Graduate Fellowships, the Barrick Faculty Development and Travel fund, and the Barrick Research Scholars Fund. Majorie was a founding member of the UNLV Foundation Board of Trustees, and UNLV's natural history museum was renamed in her honor in 1989. Her involvement was not limited to UNLV activities. She sat on many community boards, including the Nevada Ballet Theatre and Variety Club and academic honor society Phi Kappa Phi. She was honored often for her devotion and philanthropy throughout the community. Recognitions include the Governor's Arts Award, the Distinguished Nevadan Award, Nevada Dance Theatre's "Woman of the Year" award, an honorary doctorate in humane letters from UNLV, and was honored by the Animal Protection Institute of America. She died April 29, 2007 at the age of 89.

Marjorie is survived by her stepdaughter, Sallie Sweeny, of Omaha, NE and cousins, Jean Jensen Group of Louisville, NE; Adeline Jensen Green of Storm Lake; Julie (Mary Julienne Jensen) McDonald of Davenport; and Fred Jensen of Daytona, FL.

Memorial services were held May 22, 2007 at UNLV's Artemus Ham Hall.

