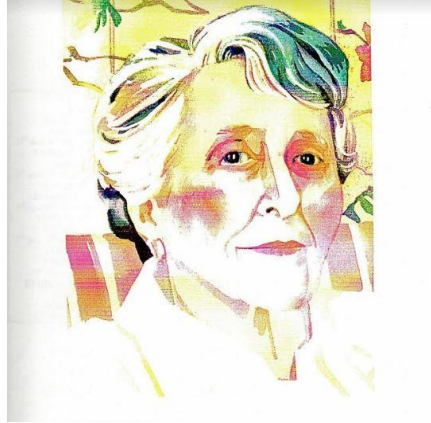


## MARION GRINSFELDER 1909-2005



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MARION K. GRINSFELDER, 96, died Friday, December 2, 2005, at Towne House Health Center, Fort Wayne IN. She was born in Chicago, Ill., and she lived in Philadelphia, PA from 1941 to 2001 when she moved to Fort Wayne.

She was co-founder of REAP in Wyncote, Pa. and a graduate of Simmons College in 1931.

When Marion recalled the beginnings of REAP, she noted that the late Betty Brod and she, as members of the Cheltenham Township PA adult School Board, were asked to go to New York to check out the New School. From that visit REAP evolved.

The Grinsfelders lived in Solebury PA in a house designed and built by her husband, Henry, a chemical engineer. As a librarian, Marion formed a love of books and travel.

Two of her favorite REAP memories: The teas or luncheons she hosted for new members, and how she and Betty looked at each other and nod at mispronunciations in REAP talks, a practice they soon discontinued.

She is survived by her son, Alan Grinsfelder of Fort Wayne; four grandsons; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1990.