



Helen M. Johnson

Helen Marie Cragin was born on November 28, 1922, in Jackson, Mississippi. She grew up on a sugar plantation in Cinclare, Louisiana across the river from Baton Rouge, where her father was an accountant. She went to Baton Rouge Business College and later worked for the State Dept. of Agriculture & Immigration in Baton Rouge in the Governor Huey Long Administration. She enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in February 1944 and served as a clerk typist until January 1946 with the rank of Corporal. In 1947 she married another Marine, Master Sergeant John H. Johnson. They raised four children and were together until Sergeant Major Johnson was killed in action in Vietnam on July 12, 1967. They are both recognized in this memorial.

