



Betty Newman McDonell

July 14, 1929 - April 15, 2011

Betty Newman McDonell was born July 14, 1929 in Miami, Florida. She was the daughter of Betty Lou Schafer Newman and Frank D. Newman of Toledo, Ohio and McDonough, Georgia, respectively. Betty was educated in Dade County schools including the experimental Merrick Demonstration Elementary school, Ponce de Leon High School and the University of Miami. At UM she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and remained active in her alumnae society until her death. She was chosen for Nu Kappa Tau, the predecessor of Mortor Board, a national scholastic honorary group. She also earned a Master's Degree in American History from the University of Central Florida. In 1950 she married Charles McDonell and they had four children. Bruce Scott McDonell and his wife, Laura of Tehachapi, California; Katie McDonell Liverato and her husband Jean Luc of Alpharetta; Brian McDonell and his wife Jeannie of Newport Coast, California and Mary McDonell Scott and husband Rob of Cumming. Also three grandchildren, Kati Hansen, Jack Scott and Jean Louis Liverato as well as four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Betty had a distinguished career in journalism serving as editor of the Florida Audubon Society's "Florida Naturalist," and later, of Florida Gas Transmission Company's corporate magazine. She was a past president of the Florida Magazine Association and the Society of Professional Journalists Central Florida chapter. She received many awards for her editorial work.

She was a voracious reader and enjoyed cooking and bridge and was active in church work as a lay reader and Eucharist Minister at Transfiguration Episcopal Church in Rome, Georgia. Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory of Roswell, Georgia is assisting the McDonell family.

Cemetery Details

Sikorski Funeral Home

3630 West George Street
Chicago, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Newman McDonell*

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