



Sally Payne Beaver

July 11, 2012

Sally Payne Beaver, born in Miami on April 14, 1926, passed away on May 24, 2012 following a long illness brought on by a stroke in July 2010. She graduated from Miami Senior High School in 1943 and was known to skip high school and ride her bike (15 miles) to Hialeah Race Track with her friend Loretta to spend time with the race horses. She and daughter, Harriet, watched Secretariat work out at Hialeah prior to his winning The Triple Crown. She took flying lessons in 1945, but, at her mother's Insistence, did not complete her "solo flight."

She worked as a Switchboard Operator for Southern Bell/ AT&T-in downtown Miami until her retirement in 1983. She and her family lived in the "last house of Flagler Street" - a home her parents built in 1930 - until she and Jack moved to Gainesville In 1997. She was previously a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Miami and a member of First Lutheran Church, Gainesville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert F. and Ophelia L. Payne, her brother, Sgt. Maxwell F. Payne, and her husband, Newton (Jack) Beaver.

She is survived locally by her daughter, Harriet (Alan) Gregalot and grandson, Brian A. Gregalot, by her sons SFC Bradford P. (Emie) Beaver of Perrine, FL and Newton H. Beaver of Birmingham, AL, and by her granddaughter, Ensign Janet L. Gregalot of Norfolk, VA.

The family wishes to thank the Staff at Woodlands Care Center for their care and support shown since August 2010.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, June 1, 2012 at 10:00 am at First Lutheran Church, 1801 NW 5th Avenue, Gainesville with internment at Forest Meadows Central. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to First Lutheran Church, 1801 NW 5th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32603 or to the Endangered Animal Rescue Sanctuary (EARS), PO Box 306, Citra, FL 32113.