



Annie R. Stewart

January 28, 1921 - July 13, 2010

Annie Margaret "Rita" Rainwater Stewart, 89, passed away on July 13th while a resident of Sterling House of Fort Myers.

Rita was a Red Cross nurse during World War II and a longtime resident of Lee County. Moving to Fort Myers in 1952 with her husband John Siegfried Stewart MD and two sons, John Christopher Stewart and Robert Gregory Stewart, she was a pioneer in the fledgling Lee Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and served therein for 55 years.

Born in Florence, SC on January 28, 1921 to John H. Rainwater and his wife Catherine Betina. She survived all of her siblings, former husband, and one of her sons. Rita was a graduate of Coker College with advanced degrees in English. She was a concert pianist in her early years having studied at conservatory and performed in summer festivals at Lake Chautauqua in New York prior to the onset of World War II.

She was active in: First Baptist Church of Fort Myers, Friends of the Opera, the theatrical arts, music and symphony, and was a public education English teacher to many in high schools and Edison Junior College.

She is survived by a son, R. Greg Stewart DVM, PhD of Farmington, Georgia, his wife Robin, and two granddaughters Kathryn and Caroline.

Also survived by Scott and Shaun Stewart, grandsons by her deceased son Chris and wife Kathleen Haley Stewart of Dallas Texas, one great granddaughter Haley, and by a nephew and numerous grand and great grand nieces and nephews in Florence, SC.

Her travels are at an end. May she rest in peace.

The Family asks that kindness be shown in generosity to Hospice of Fort Myers in lieu of flowers and other memorial items. She was cremated and her ashes will be taken back to the family ground in Jasper County Georgia.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc., 4224 Cleveland Ave, Suite 1, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, 239-274-0088. Condolences may be made online at www.gendronfuneralhome.com

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