

Doris (Greer) Manuel

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Date of Birth:
1927

Doris Greer Manuel passed away February 19, 2012. She was born in 1927 in Detroit where her Georgia parents had moved to find work. Upon the death of her mother Odessa Loyd Greer, her father James Hays Greer moved Doris and her little sister Judy to Cusseta Georgia where the two girls were raised by their aunt and uncle, Mabel and Bill Zachry. Doris met her future husband Frank J. Manuel when he was an army officer stationed at Ft. Benning and attended her church in nearby Cusseta. They married in 1946 after the Major returned from WWII infantry service in North Africa. They moved to Orlando, Frank's hometown, and raised six children.

From 1960 to 1986, Doris produced the Orlando Events Calendar as a promotion for the family business Manuel Builders Inc. Doris was a member of the Rosalind Club and Junior League. She was the first female president of the Christian Service Center. She was a volunteer reader for WMFE and enjoyed helping in the Blankner Elementary School library. Her most treasured service was to her church, First United Methodist Church of Orlando. Doris was an avid reader and had a special interest in Southern literature, history, theatre and Southern and gourmet cuisine.

Doris was also a member of the Third Friday Book Club - the longest running book club in the history of Central Florida. She was a member from 1994 to 2010 and served as secretary from 1996-1997. A notation in the 2012 minutes mentions her passing: "Doris Manuel - Deceased. Memorials sent to Orlando Public Library." Read more about the Third Friday Book Club at OrlandoMemory.info
<http://orlandomemory.info/memory/organization/third-friday-book-club>

Doris is survived by sister Judy Greer of Oxford GA; six children, Jim (and Debby) Manuel of Orlando, Martha (and Chip) Emerson of Altamonte Springs, Bill (and Becky) Manuel of Winter Park, Beth (and Chris) Becht of Orlando, Anne (and David) Downing of Albuquerque NM, Mark (and Angie) Manuel of Bartow; nine grandchildren, Whit (and Anne) Emerson of Altamonte Springs, Elizabeth (and Bryan) Waraksa of Lithia, Kathryn M. (and Brandon) Halterman of Oviedo, Zach Downing of Las Vegas NV, Hannah, Sarah and Ellen Downing of Albuquerque, Leigh Manuel of Black Mountain NC, Rosalyn Manuel of Gainesville; and three great grandchildren.

Media data:



Date of Death:

February 12 2012

Place of Birth:

Detroit, Michigan, United States

Place of Death:

Orlando, Florida, United States

Primary State of Residence:

Orlando, Florida, United States

