



Eleanor Moore

December 31, 1969 - June 27, 2014

Obituary of Eleanor Moore Eleanor M. Moore (1920-2014) Florida Pioneer
Eleanor Kathryn Morgan Graham Merrit Moore, 93, passed away peacefully on June 27, in Ocala Florida. Her parents, Charles O. Morgan and Ida Bell McNaughton, moved to Miami in 1909 and Eleanor, one of 7 siblings was born in 1920. Mr. Morgan, who was employed as a Dispatcher on the Florida East Coast Railroad, and Mrs. Morgan, who worked in real estate put all their children through college during the depression. Eleanor graduated from the Florida State College for Women (now Florida State University) with a Fine Arts degree. After college she worked as an animator on Popeye cartoons for Paramount Pictures in New York. While there she met her future husband William L. Graham, a WWII veteran, who served as a Naval Officer in the Pacific. They soon married, honeymooning in Havana, Cuba. The Grahams soon set up housekeeping in Norfolk, Va. where Bill was employed as a Supervisor of Operations at the Ford Motor Company Assembly plant. In 1963, he was transferred to World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan and the family took up residence in nearby Grosse Ile. While there, Eleanor worked as a postal clerk and a librarian. Always interested in the arts, She continued painting and attended the theatre often. In 1971, they purchased property in Stuart (now Palm City) with a gorgeous view of the St. Lucie River. In 1977, while Bill still worked, Eleanor went south to supervise building a house on the property. On site all day every day as the house went up, Eleanor made sure the house was built to her exact specifications. They lived

happily there until, after 49 years of marriage, Bill passed away. In her later years, Eleanor was married Don Merritt until his death, and later to William Moore, a childhood friend. Eleanor was a long-standing member of the Methodist Church of Palm City, she was part of a volunteer team that organized a library for a small West Virginia town. She was a life long tennis player and baseball fan. She is remembered for her kindness, sense of fairness, and her love of art and literature. Eleanor believed, and often said, "Everything will turn out all right." And for her it did. She is survived by her 3 sons, William L. Graham and wife Rosa, George A. Graham and wife DeEtta and Bruce M. Graham and wife Angela, 5 grandchildren and 8 great grand children.