



## Ann Gillespie Adams

March 7, 1922 - May 8, 2017

Ann Gillespie Adams, age 95, was born on March 7, 1922 in Franklin, Kentucky to Sallie Ann and Nelson Gillespie. She graduated from Franklin High School in 1940. She attended Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama for one year and then University of Kentucky, graduating in 1944 with a Bachelor of Arts. Ann was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority and served as vice president in charge of scholarships.

Ann met Perry R. Adams in December 1943. They were married right before he was shipped overseas to serve in World War II. During the war Ann worked in Lexington, Kentucky as secretary for the Chief of Electrical Engineers of Kentucky. After the war, she continued to work for a year until their children were born.

In 1953 the family moved to Gainesville, Florida for a stay of 12 years. Other moves for them were to Winter Haven, FL; Franklin, VA; Richmond, VA; and Tallahassee, FL. With each move Ann and Perry joined a church and sang in the choir sharing their mutual love of music.

Ann and Perry made Tallahassee their home in 1983 and moved to Westminster Oaks in 1997. Among the volunteer jobs Ann held over the years were Girl Scout Leader, hospital pink lady in three different cities, Board of Trustees for the regional branch of the Virginia Library and Museum, Education Committee member for the Richmond Symphony, and Garden Club of Virginia member serving as hostess for the Tour of Historical Homes during Historical Garden Week.

In Tallahassee Ann supported the Tallahassee Symphony, FSU Musical Associates, Goodwood Museum and Gardens, the Tallahassee Museum, and FSU sports, especially baseball. Ann was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church and sang in its choir for many years.

Ann passed away on May 8, 2017 and is preceded in death by her husband Dr. Perry R. Adams and nephew John R. Gillespie. Surviving family members include; daughters, Suzanne Markwell (Frank) and Sally Barrios (Kary Kublin); grandsons Jeffrey Markwell (Edith Barnes), Adam Markwell (Meredith), and Kristopher Barrios (Triel Lindstrom); granddaughter Maya Barrios; nephew Bruce Gillespie (Carol); and, great grandsons Harrison Markwell, William Markwell, Kai Barrios and Grant Markwell.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 10:00am at the Westminster Oaks McGuire Center.

Scotti Thompson is assisting the Adams family with their final arrangements.