



## Bess Strauss

April 7, 1930 - June 25, 2015

Bess Rogers Strauss died June 25, 2015 at Margaret Dozier Hospice House. She was born in Jackson County, FL and was a longtime resident of Tallahassee. Bess was preceded in death by her parents, Marjorie Davis Rogers and Eugene Rogers; husband, Nicholas Kent Strauss and her brother, Elmer Rogers.

Bess came to Tallahassee at 18 and began employment as an Executive Secretary at the Attorney General's Office. She continued her career at the Legislature, under such notable public officials as Gov. Reubin Askew, Senate Secretary Elmer Friday and Senator Allan Trask. She was appointed as the Director of the Public Defenders Coordination Office for the State of Florida in 1976. She retired March 31, 2006 with her husband Kent. They lived out their dream, living on the beautiful Ochlocknee River. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren as well as listening to her favorite music and watching the river go by.

Survivors include her daughter, Sandy Hennessy, (George Mays) son, Michael (Susan) Miles of Tallahassee; and David (Marianne) Miles, of Loxahatchee; stepdaughter; Susan (Dale) Thompson; step-son, Kent (Susan) Strauss; thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, as well as a cousin who was like a sister Iris McMillan.

A Memorial Service will be held Monday, June 29, 2015 at Bevis Funeral Home at 2:00 pm with Rev. Pierce Withers officiating. A reception will follow immediately. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Big Bend Hospice

House at 1723 Mahan Center Blvd. Tallahassee, Fl. 32308 as well as American Indian Children's Fund P.O. 724 Laveen, AZ. 85239. Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements (bevisfh.com 850-385-2193).

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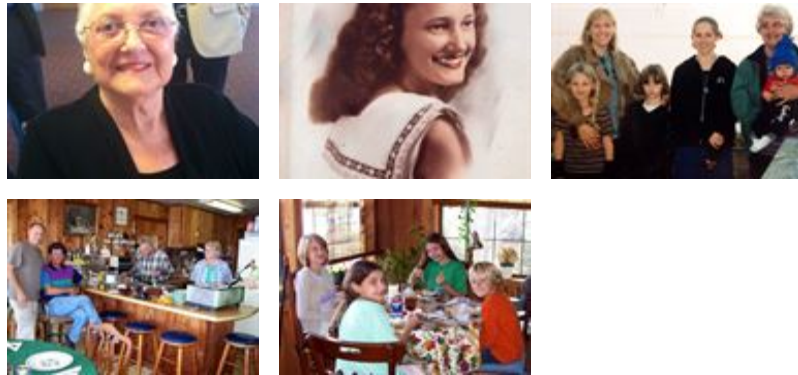


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“ *I'm saddened to hear of Bess' passing. My deepest condolences to her family. Bess as the P.D. Coordination Office Executive Director hired me the spring of 1977 so I could do my internship tracking criminal justice legislation during session. I remained with the Coordination Office after graduation till 1981. It was a great experience working with Bess and the rest of team at the PDCO during that time. Bess provided me with the opportunity and guidance to develop relationships that allowed me to enjoy a very satisfying career within the Public Defender system. I will forever be grateful to Bess.*

*Bob Hair*

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**Bob Hair** - June 27, 2015 at 10:49 AM