



Janet Kirby MacMichael

May 23, 1927 - June 29, 2011

Janet Marion Spencer Kirby MacMichael, 82, passed away peacefully June 29, 2011 at Westminster Oaks Retirement Center in Tallahassee, FL. She was born in Minnesota in 1927 and had lived in Tallahassee since 2005. She graduated from the university of Minnesota with a degree in Journalism in 1945. She married Donald R. Kirby, Jr. (deceased) in 1944 and together they raised four children, living most of that time in Clearwater, Florida. During that time, Janet wrote for the Clearwater Sun newspaper, contributed numerous articles to regional magazines, and wrote a book, "Giant Steps" the history of Morton Plant Hospital. Janet volunteered at the Clearwater Marine Science Center for almost ten years and was an avid sailor and a member of the "Windlasses" Sailing Club. Janet was interested in birds and was involved in the research being done at the Cornell Ornithology Lab in New York. In 1990 Janet married Ethan MacMichael and after he passed away in 1992, Janet divided her time between Clearwater Beach, FL., writing a travel book about the Florida panhandle and Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, visiting her extended family, build a log cabin and renovating a cottage on the cliffs of Port Morien, often accompanied by her dear friend, Richard Coton. Janet is survived by her four children, Michael Kirby, Susan Peacock, Benjamin Kirby and Barbara Eschbaugh. Her grandchildren, Marley, Shannon, Grant, Donny, and Arielle, and 2 great grandchildren. In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions maybe made to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY., 14850 . A memorial service will be held at a later date, Bevis Funeral

Home in Tallahassee(850)385-2193 is in charge of the arrangements.