



## Marion Merritt

February 6, 1923 - June 14, 2012

Marion Merritt, 89, of Tallahassee, passed away peacefully at her home on June 14, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband, Haywood Merritt. Marion was born in London, England on February 6, 1923. Marion grew up with two sisters and one brother and attended a Catholic Convent School where she was instilled with a love of adventure, history and the classics. During World War II she would go to the Red Cross Center after work and serve coffee and doughnuts to the soldiers who were stationed at Dunkirk, England. While volunteering there she met the love of her life, Haywood Merritt of Tallahassee.

Haywood and Marion were married on June 5, 1944. Bombs were bursting all around them their first night together. The next day Haywood was shipped across the sea to Normandy with 150,000 other soldiers. Haywood survived and returned to London and collected his bride. He then brought her to Florida where they lived happily until his death.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, sisters and brother in London.

Marion is survived by her nieces, Valorie Clough (Vernon) of London; Betty; Janie; and Sandra; a sister-in-law, Onyx Merritt of Tallahassee; a nephew, Lou; her faithful dog Sally; and dear friends, Dr. and Mrs. A.C. McCully.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice or Capital Medical Society for the "We Care Program."

A celebration of her life will be held graveside at 11:00am Saturday, June 16th

at Roselawn Cemetery in Tallahassee. Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee(850.385.2193) is handling arrangements.