



## Mary Taylor Olive

December 2, 1938 - June 9, 2018

Mary Taylor Olive, passed away June 9, 2018. She was born in Quincy, Florida on December 2, 1938 to Judge Hugh Taylor and Martha Corry Taylor. She graduated from Gadsden County High School in 1956 and three years later received her BA degree from Florida State University.

Mary's interests were reading, she would read two to three books a week, gardening, spending time at the beach, home decorating and pursuing her interests in art, particularly painting for which she had an exceptional talent.

Mary illustrated the jacket of Governor Leroy Collins authored book Forerunner's Courageous and the jacket of Kenan Miles Womack authored book Gadsden, a Florida County in Word and Picture. She was a director on the first Board of Tallahassee Ballet Company. Mary was employed as Director of the Art Department of the former Florida Development Commission while her husband attended law school at Florida State University. She was also a member of the Tallahassee Junior League.

Bob and Mary met in Quincy in the summer of 1957 and married in 1959. They enjoyed an extraordinarily blessed life and loving marriage for over 60 years.

Mary is survived by her husband, Bob Olive, their daughters, Martha Olive-Hall (Bill) and Liza Olive Thompson (John) and a daughter-in-law, Shannon Taylor, brother, Jeff Taylor (Mary Catherine), sister-in-law and dear friend Becky Olive Payne and brother-in-law, Ron Payne, grandchildren; Melissa Ann Stratton (Dave), Carrah Olive-Hall, Hill Thompson, William Hall (Whitney),

Dan Hall and Becky Hall, great-granddaughters; Taylor Dawn Stratton and Autumn Jean Hall, many nieces and nephews and her special friend, JoAnn Jones of Quincy, FL who first met in kindergarten and were roommates at Florida State University and as adults met every Wednesday for lunch. She is preceded in death by her parents Judge Hugh Taylor and Martha Corry Taylor and her son, Hugh Taylor Olive.

To her many friends, who knew her well and how very private a person she was, therefore, we will honor her wishes to be buried at sea and hold a private ceremony at her beach home in Watercolor at a later date. Thank you for loving our mother and making her life even more special. We can all take comfort knowing that she is now with her parents and her son. Online condolences can be expressed at [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com), memorial contributions can be made to Big Bend Hospice at 1723 Mahan Center Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

Scotti Barden of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Olive family with their arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

GY

“ June 24, 2018

*Dear Martha:*

*Words come hard and don't seem sufficient in conveying the sadness for the loss of your dear Mother.*

*Having been through it, I can somewhat empathize with the myriad of feelings we go through in such a sad time.*

*Thinking back on the many fond memories of growing up with the Olive family on Greenwood Dr., I fondly recollect the many generous, creative and good things your Mom did for all of us. I always felt welcome in your house.*

*I particularly will always treasure the many times she took us to Quincy to swim, visit your grandparents and the country club. Her artistic talent and creativity enhanced many of our children's parties and events. She was always a stylish and beautiful lady.*

*Knowing your Mom and family enriched my childhood and later life.*

*Please take care and reach out if you would like to talk or if I can do anything.*

*Very fondly,*

*Greg*

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**Greg Yon** - June 25, 2018 at 05:51 PM

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**Greg Yon** - June 25, 2018 at 05:50 PM

CP

“ I was very saddened to hear of the passing of this great lady. She was the matriarch of a wonderful family and will be missed by all who knew her. My sincerest condolences to the Olive family and prayers for all of you during this time of grief and remembrance. Bless you all... Claude Pichard

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**Claude Pichard** - June 17, 2018 at 07:54 PM

PS

“ Hope your loving memories are a comfort to you now and in the days to come. Paula Saunders and Roy Forman

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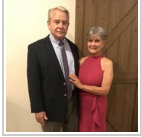
**paula saunders** - June 17, 2018 at 07:50 PM

MA

“ Dear Liza and family,  
Sending you thoughts of peace and serenity.  
Losing a parent and for your Dad, a spouse, is so hard.  
Nothing prepares you.  
God speed,  
Lanier McCoed Alcorn

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**Mrs. Robert Alcorn** - June 17, 2018 at 07:32 AM



“ I met Mrs. Olive at the Infusion Center of TMH as one of her nurses. We shared the same December 2, birthday. When I first met her she was trying to find the right dresses for a grandchild's wedding. She was very excited about that event. As the months progressed we talked a little more but reading was her preference . One of the last times that she was my patient, we giggled because her husband had fell asleep in the chair. She said, "I should leave him there but I don't think I can get the keys out of his pocket". She laughed. Undoubtedly she was one of the most beautiful women I have ever seen. Bless you..

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**Myra Noble** - June 14, 2018 at 09:59 PM