



## Mary Ellen (Hoyt) Watkins

March 29, 1929 - September 17, 2012

Mary Ellen (Hoyt) Watkins, 83, passed away September 17, 2012 at the Big Bend Hospice House in Tallahassee, Florida from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

She was born March 29, 1929 in Lima, Ohio to Carl and Mary Hoyt, graduated from Lima Central HS (class of 1947) and the Lima Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1950. Married in 1950 to William Hugh Watkins, a USAF officer; she traveled extensively both on land and water, living in San Antonio and Austin, Texas; Okinawa, Japan; Sudbury, Mass.; Dayton, Ohio; Richmond, Ky.; various river home-ports aboard their houseboat along the Tennessee River, and in Tallahassee, Florida.

She was employed as Office Manager of the H&R Block Income Tax office in Richmond, Kentucky, from 1972-1987.

An avid volunteer, Mary Ellen supported many organizations throughout her lifetime, including the Red Cross, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, United Way of the Bluegrass, RSVP, League of Women Voters, and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, where she served as Vice Commander of the Scottsboro, Alabama Flotilla, among other positions.

She was the loving mother of James Mark (Kathy), Peter Lewis (Laura), William David (Shelley), and Kathryn Louise, and grandmother to Coy (Robin), Nicole (Robert), Andrew (Evelyn), Jennifer, Carly, Daniel, Chase, Hoyt, and great grandmother to Bryant, Morgan, William, Addison, and Dmitri. She is preceded in death by her parents Carl and Mary Hoyt, and her brother James

M. Hoyt, (surviving spouse Rhea.)

Her remains will be interred in the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Bevis Colonial Funeral Home of Tallahassee, Florida will handle the arrangements.

The family requests that no flowers be sent, but if desired, contributions be made in Mary Ellen's honor to the American Red Cross, Big Bend Hospice of Tallahassee, Florida; or the Girl Scouts of America.