



Nell Lehrman Gibbs

June 16, 1914 - October 21, 2015

Nell Lehrman Gibbs, 101, died peacefully in her sleep after visiting with family, on October 21, 2015. Born in Homestead, Florida, she was the first Jewish female born in Dade County. Her parents, Max and Rose Lehrman emigrated from Russia in 1895. Beginning at a young age, Nell exuded style. She had a natural flair for design and color.

A successful business woman for 45 years, she and her husband owned and operated Gibbs French Shop, a staple for fine clothing and bridal wear.

Outfitting for bar and bat mitzvahs, weddings, and many celebrations, at one point she was helping 25 to 30 brides a month select their gowns. Gibbs encouraged her clients to try new trends- she was practical and ahead of her time. Ret Turner, a cousin described his interaction with her, "When Nell came into the family, I took one look at her- and that was glamour. I thought, 'She has IT.'

She was an exuberant volunteer for several decades for the LeMoyne Art Foundation, and an accomplished watercolor artist. She was active with Killearn Ladies Club- serving twice as president, the Killearn Antiques Club, and Tallahassee Little Theatre. Nell and Lou were founding members of Temple Israel, where Nell taught Sunday school for years.

A loving mother and grandmother, and an engaging friend, Mrs. Gibbs is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Louis Gibbs, of Live Oak; her infant daughter, Frances Rochelle; her youngest son, Benjamin David; her oldest son, Harold Frederick. She is survived by her son, Arnold Gibbs (Julie Brown)

of Orlando; daughter-in-law, Eydie Gibbs of Tallahassee; five grandsons, one granddaughter; and eight great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Friday, October 23, 2015 at one o'clock in the afternoon at Oakland Cemetery. Elizabeth Chambers and Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home are assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com)

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

838 N Bronough St
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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“ *Arnold, Edith, and friends, I had such a great day every time I got to start it with Nell on my client list. She started having me over not long after her husband died, so I got to see her through a few transitions, from housing to living with a broken hip. It is hard to express how grateful I am for her and the time we worked together. I hope your fond memories of her last you to the end of your days.*

Take good care,

Troy



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