



Blanche Knowles

July 14, 1926 - July 23, 2012

Obituary of Blanche Knowles

Blanche Ward Bosanquet Knowles, 86, passed away on July 23, 2012 peacefully at her home surrounded by family and loved ones. She was born on July 14, 1926, at Fair Oaks in Fruitland Park in the same home that her father was born. Fair Oaks was well-known for years for the Sunday afternoon teas on the front lawn.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Charles Joseph(Joe)Knowles. She was a graduate of Leesburg High School and Florida State University(1948). She received her Master's Degree at University of Florida. She began teaching at Leesburg High School when her 3 children reached school age until she retired in 1988. Her students were very important to her. She was an Episcopalian. Her family was very involved with establishment and development of Holy Trinity Church dating back to the time of her grandfather. Other interests include more than 50 years in the Bertha Hereford Hall chapter of the DAR, 22 years of service in the GFWC Woman's Club of Leesburg, making costumes for the Melon Patch Theatre, and most importantly loving and enjoying her 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Her parents were Ruth and Alfred Bosanquet. Blanche was the oldest of five children. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Jeanne and Francis(Tia)and her brother, Gershon(Gogo). Her brother Louis(Bud)lives in

St. Louis.

Survivors include her sons, David A.(Cheryl B.), Steve G.(Elizabeth; daughter, Mary K. Hicks all of Leesburg, FL; brother, Louis P."Bud" Bosanquet of St. Louis, MO; ten grandchildren, John and Tim Knowles, Sarah, Amanda, and Liam Knowles, Stephanie Daily, Laura Bass, Josh, Joseph and Kelly Butler and seven great grandchildren, Joseph, Rebecca, Garon, Hannah, Leah, Aiden and Conor.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 26, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg. A Funeral Service will be Friday, July 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM at St. James Episcopal Church, Leesburg. Burial will follow at Lone Oak Cemetery, Leesburg, FL

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Memorial Donations

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Tribute Wall



“ *Blanche Knowles*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are sadden by your loss. May God bless you all at this time. She has a wonderful loving family. May those warm memories comfort you all at this time. She has joined the angels. Love your friends, Denise and John Meier, V*

Denise & John Meier,V - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *David, Mary, and Steve I am so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. I remember David when she would come in the office and she was always so nice and kind and a beautiful lady. Your all in my prayers. God Bless You Holly*

Holly Spivey - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry about your mom Mary*

Chuck Lowe - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *A very nice lady, I am glad that I had a chance to know her and teach with her in the 80's. My thoughts and prayers to all of the family.*

Bill Hayes - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mary and family, I was saddened to hear of your mom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.*

Lynn Daniel Morris - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM