



Evalyn Lucille Brokaw

October 10, 1919 - April 1, 2017

Evalyn H. "Miz Buddy" Brokaw, 97, of Leesburg, died Saturday, April 1, 2017. Mrs. Brokaw was a member of the Morrison United Methodist Church. Born in Clinton, IN, she grew up between Indiana and St. Petersburg, FL where she met and married her husband of 61 years, Dr. Bergon F. Brokaw, "Doc" Brokaw (predeceased). She graduated from Indiana State University with degrees in Elementary Education, Physical Education and Music. She was a member of Colonial Dames of the 17th centuries, and DAR. After retiring from teaching in public school she began her study and research in genealogy and taught Family History Research -Methods and Sources at Lake Sumter Community College. She was active in the Kinseeker's Genealogy Society of Lake County as officer and member. She was Voted Woman of the Year by Lakes Business and Professional Woman's Club; served on advisory Board of Florida Health Manpower Council. Wrote "Health Careers in Florida's Vocational Technical Centers and Community Colleges" and was active in starting Leesburg Health Careers Club as well as starting student Volunteer Hospital Services called 'Parameds' with hospital and Red Cross training. Active in Medical Auxiliary which distributed her publication to area public Libraries and schools. She and the 'doctor' were instrumental in the start of the EAA 'Sun 'n Fun Fly-In annual event and Museum in Lakeland, Florida. Predeceased by two sons; Bergon Brokaw II, and Barry Lee Brokaw I. Survivors include: Granddaughter, Anna Kay Brokaw Rice (James), two great-grandchildren-Pearson and Kaden Rice; Grandson, Barry Lee Brokaw II,

daughter -in-law, Betty Pyburn of Sorrento, FL; Extended family Charles and Winnie Tucker and Tucker family, Ray and Judy Phelps.

A Celebration in memory of "Miz Buddy" will be held on Monday, April 17 at 2:00 pm. at Lake Port Square in the West Side Building. Friends whose lives she touched are invited to come and share memories. For those who wish, memorials may be made to Morrison United Methodist Church; or Cornerstone Hospice-Lake County. Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL

Tribute Wall

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“ I was privileged to meet and get to know Miz Buddy through the recognition program our KINSEEKERS Genealogy Society did in June 2010. I later did a taped interview with her own words telling her life story so came to know her. Usually dressed in Yellow - a Lovely woman - always talking. Her Stories of husband Dr. Bergon F. Brokaw flying her in the "Silver Bullet" plane he built so that he could get flying hours and Miz Buddy could do her genealogy projects back before computers so actual courthouse/ family reunions, etc., allowed them both to enjoy their adventures. A wonderful lady I am proud to have called a friend. She will be Remembered.



Sandra & Paul Maciejewski - April 15, 2017 at 06:35 PM

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“ To those who loved and cared for Miss Buddy, I extend my deepest sympathies. Although I never met her in person, I always contacted her on Mother's Day and around her Birthday in October. I first "discovered" her through her article in the Martha's Vineyard Historical Library, while researching my Father's family about 15 years ago. She solved the mystery of our "lost at sea" common ancestor, Capt. Samuel Huxford, and I continued the exploration of his saga. Buddy and I were brought together by privateers and pirates and the joy of discovery in family history! How blessed we all are that such a beautiful, adventure loving being as Miss Buddy was in our lives! Deep gratitude to you Winnie Tucker for reading Miss Buddy my cards and letters when her eyesight began failing, and helping her with all of those phone calls too! My deepest condolences to all of her family and friends and those who cared for her with love and respect!

Mary Lee Sanders - April 15, 2017 at 02:12 AM

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“ Dear Miss Buddy, my "Genealogy" Mother/Mentor! I have so much deep gratitude for having experienced your curiosity, humor, enthusiasm, and knowledge through the years. Your joy was infectious. Your research filled my heart with excitement. I was uplifted by every warm contact I had with you! You are always in my heart!



Mary Lee Sanders - April 15, 2017 at 01:43 AM

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“ Miz Buddy---our condolences to your family. You always had a beautiful smile and love for life. Very passionate about Your causes and a very giving person to many!! You will be bring a Special light to Heaven
Our prayers to all

Dr Larry and Sue Foster - April 05, 2017 at 09:38 PM