



Anne B. Graf

July 24, 1921 - September 22, 2017

Anne Bowyer Browne Graf, 96, of Venice, Florida died September 22, 2017. Born in Winchester, Virginia she came to Venice in 1956. The family moved to Venice knowing that her Army Major husband would be heading overseas and a son was in his senior year in High School.

She served as Red Cross Health-room Chairperson for the five county schools. She joined a group raising money for the Venice public library, and later became secretary and president. She initiated the volunteer program, designed by Barbara Stroble, and chaired many fund-raisers for Friends of the Library, including luncheon-fashion shows, book fairs and a cookbook, which sold in 38 states. She authored a history of the library, and was also a life member and past Vice President of the Venice Art League.

Memberships included St. Mark's Episcopal Church, where she taught Sunday school and chaired the monthly newsletter for 20 years. Other memberships were The American Legion, and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Anne was the driving force for a parking lot for the Venice Library, and the motivation behind the Disc Golf Course on Pinebrook Road.

Anne was a graduate of Handley High School, in Winchester, VA; San Antonio

Commercial College, San Antonio, Texas and the Institute of Children's Literature. She was also a typist for the English version of the Nuremburg War Crimes Tribunal. She became secretary for the military in Wurzburg, Germany.

Surviving are two of three sons, Robert of Nokomis and William Randolph (Randy) of Jacksonville, Fl.

Services will be held Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:00 AM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church,

Burial will follow at Sarasota National Cemetery.

Request for any donations to be made to St. Mark's Church or The Friends of the Venice Library.

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