



## Harriot A. Baker

November 14, 1924 - May 22, 2022

Harriot Baker of Venice died peacefully at home on May 22, 2022 at age 97. She was born November 14, 1924 in St. Paul, MN to Frances Rigdon and William C. Abbott. She attended high school in Keene, NH and then the family moved to Topsfield, MA.

Harriot attended Connecticut College and then married Arthur H. Pym. They had three girls: Martha, Sally and Joanne. She divorced Arthur in 1953 and went back to school to get her teacher certification. She taught nursery school and worked as camp director. In 1958, she married Philip W. Baker, who had 2 children by a previous marriage: Anne and Phil. Harriot and her new husband had a son, Peter, the following year.

The family moved to Antrim, NH and Harriot began a busy life teaching kindergarten and volunteering for the Girl Scouts. She was an avid gardener, tennis player, and was actively involved in the Antrim Players, a local theater troupe. The couple moved to Venice, Florida in 1974 and with their passion for tennis, started a tennis club, Courtside, which is still flourishing. Harriot answered the phones, did the bookkeeping, played tennis, and ran the pro shop. When her husband left the Club in the mid-80's, Harriot became involved with the local garden club, the Tamiami Trail Button Club, took classes in flower arranging, was active in the ladies auxiliary of the Mid-West Tool Collectors Association, and did aerobics three times a week until her 90th

birthday.

Harriot is survived by her older brother William C. Abbott of N. Andover, MA, six children: Martha Staudmyer of Punta Gorda, FL, Sally Pym of Venice, FL, Joanne Baker of Jaffrey, NH, Anne Baker of Juneau, AK, Philip R. Baker (Tamsin) of Venice, FL, and Peter B. Baker (Dianne) of Nokomis FL., and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and a great great granddaughter.

A private celebration to honor Harriot is being planned by the family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending sincere condolences. I joined the aerobics group that Harriot had been a part of for quite a while. She welcomed me and I so enjoyed learning of her many interests, She was one of a kind! Involved in so many projects! imagine 97! My sympathy to family.*

*Pat Walter*

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