



Lucia Carter Taylor

October 19, 1923 - March 6, 2016

Lucia Carter Taylor was born October 19, 1923 in Lakewood, NJ to Thomas H. and Tillie Garberson Carter. She grew up in the suburbs of Hartford, CT, where the family moved when she was 3. She came to Sarasota in 1968 from Chicago, IL.

She married Thomas H. Taylor September 23, 1961 in Chicago. He died August 4, 1979 in Sarasota. They had no children.

She graduated from Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa in 1944. She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Sarasota.

She is survived by her nephew, David Clark of El Sobrante, CA and her niece, Irene Clark of Portland, OR. She was a long-time "Friend of Bill".

Lucia had worked as a reporter for the Oak Ridge (TN) Journal (wartime and post war); as a reporter / columnist for the Moline (IL) Daily Dispatch (4 yrs.); as a reporter / TV critic for the Chicago Sun-Times (5 yrs.); as a writer for two Chicago public relations agencies (12 yrs.); In Florida, as a free lance writer and PR person, 1969 until retirement, and held part-time office jobs in Sarasota in the 1990's in semi-retirement.

In retirement, she volunteered for numerous but often changing projects,

notably, Myakka River State Park (especially in the Visitor Center), Resurrection House, and was active in church. She travelled extensively, especially study tours and Elderhostels, making five trips to Europe and two to Latin America. Earlier, with her husband, camping in Wisconsin, Florida, and across Northern and Western Canada.

Her Father was a native of Washington, D.C., an engineer employed by the US Navy. Her Mother was from Northwest Iowa (small towns of Alta and later Sibley) where she visited several summers. She was the oldest of three children. Her brother, Alvin Carter, died in 2002, and her sister, Agnes Clark , in 2006.

There will be a memorial service held on Saturday, March 12th at 11:00 AM at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. A reception will follow at the church.

Friends may make contributions in her memory to the First Congregational United Church of Christ, or to a charity of choice.

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“ Oh behalf of my Mother, Barbara Welgos, of Decorah, Iowa, I am expressing our sorrow in just now learning of Lucia's death. Mother and Lucia were classmates at Grinnell College and remained life-long friends. Lucia had visited with Mother last summer, as she had done every summer during her driving trips to the midwest!! And, my husband, Lloyd, and I had the privilege of meeting Lucia during the time we lived in Sarasota several years ago! We honor her memory and her contributions.

Jane Welgos Sidwell - April 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM