



Natalie H. Ballard

February 13, 2021

Natalie H. Ballard, 99, of Fort Myers, FL, formerly of Bradenton, FL passed away February 13, 2021.

Natalie was born in Upton, Massachusetts in 1922 as Natalie Hopkins.

She graduated from Hahnemann Hospital School of Nursing in Worcester, Mass.

She was married to Earl Fiske of Upton for 20 years.

She was an Army Nurse in WW2. When she came home, she was the Visiting Nurse in Upton, Mass where she contracted Polio from one of her patients. She would spend 6 months in an Iron Lung. When she recovered, she was advised to take up Golf to strengthen her legs. She ended up playing for 50 years and was a member of Worcester County Club.

She ran the Bloodmobile for Worcester County, Mass for 10 years and then was Director of Nursing at Wayside Nursing Home in Holden, Mass for 25 years before retiring.

She married Jennings Ballard in 1987 and they lived in Bradenton until his death in 2001. She was a member of Trinity Church in Bradenton, Florida .

She remained in her home in Bradenton until 2013 when she went into Assisted Living at Westminster Towers in Bradenton and then Memory Care at Thrive in Fort Myers.

Natalie is survived by her son Allen Fiske, Fort Myers, FL, stepson James Ballard, Fountain Hills, AZ, stepdaughter Janice Duffy, Austin, TX, 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Private burial will be held at Sarasota Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shake-A-Leg Miami, 2620 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133