

Peggy Keller

Margaret
"P e g g y"
(Atkinson)
Keller, 64, of
Fort Myers,
Florida, for-
merly of
Evansville,
died at
Health Park



Medical Center in Fort Myers on
January 13, 2004, after a year
long battle with lung cancer.

She and her husband Jim had
built retirement homes in Fort
Myers and Walloon Lake, Michi-
gan, moving from Evansville in
2002. An Evansville native, Peg-
gy Keller was the daughter of
Fred and Peg Atkinson. She
graduated from Bosse High
School in 1956. She attended the
two-year associate program at
Stephens College before attend-
ing the University of Missouri at
Columbia, receiving a bachelor's
degree in Art in 1960. She
taught art at both North High
School and Henry Reis. She and
Jim Keller were married in 1962.
In her teens, Peggy took up the
game of golf. After her retire-
ment from Superior Electric, her
focus for golf became her passion.
She was a member of the 18-
Holers clubs at both Evansville
Country Club and Walloon Lake
Country Club. Her love of compe-
tition led her to the Rick Smith
Golf Academy where she was a
twelve-year student. Peggy also
had a love for horses and lived
that love through her daughter
Gretchen's ten-year career show-
ing American Saddlebreds. She
was also an avid UE basketball
fan and season ticket holder for
forty years. Peggy had served on
the board of the Evansville Phil-

harmonic Orchestra and was director emeritus of the Merritt and Martha DeJong Foundation. She was a past docent at the Evansville Museum and a former member of the Junior League of Evansville. She also was a volunteer and later a staff member at WNIN and an office manager for Superior Electric. She was a member of the Church of the Resurrection of our Lord in Fort Myers. She also was a member of the Evansville Country Club, Kennel Club of Evansville, Walloon Lake Country Club and the Crown Colony Country Club in Fort Myers.

Her parents, and a daughter, Sarah Anne Keller, predeceased her.

Surviving are her husband, James H. Keller of Fort Myers; daughter and son-in-law, Gretchen K. and Michael D. Huff of Newburgh; sister and brother-in-law, Suzanne A. and Horace S. Nicholson Jr. of Evansville; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Paul and Phyllis Keller of Newburgh; grandson, Samuel James Huff of Newburgh; aunt, Ruth A. Wahoski of Evansville; and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in Evansville on Wednesday, January 21, at 5 p.m. at Ziemer Funeral Home East Chapel, 800 South Hebron Avenue. Visitation will precede the service.

Condolences may be made online at www.mem.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Peggy Keller Golf Scholarship at the University of Evansville, 1800 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, IN 47722; Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy, P.O. Box 621, Petoskey, MI 49770; or Habitat for Humanity of Lee County Inc., 1288 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, FL 33903.