



MARY M. (MCNEIL) TABER

93, July 3, 2007. Of Vero Beach, FL, formerly of South Boston MA, Revere MA, Boscawen, NH, Key Biscayne FL. Veteran; business leader; beloved mother of Paul (deceased), Peter and Patrick Taber; grandmother of James & Sean Taber. Born 1914 Dartmouth, Nova Scotia of Annie & John McNeil, the family came to the Boston area as survivors of the Great Halifax Explosion of 1917. Mary was a pioneer aviatrix and served with the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASPS) at Avenger Field, Texas in 1944. Post-war, she married Elmer E. Taber (deceased.) Mary opened the first Laundromat in the city of Boston. With her husband she helped run Taber's Port o' Missing Men, a beachfront bar & restaurant in the then-thriving amusement area on Revere Beach. Devoted at-home mother through the 1950's she returned to the workforce in 1960 with Charlex Realty, a company involved in developing communities in Florida and later became treasurer of Town & Country Homes of Massachusetts, responsible for building several communities in central & northern New Hampshire. She became president of the Mountain Springs Water Company until her retirement in 1987. She moved to Key Biscayne, FL where she served as treasurer of her condo association and was a favorite tour guide at the Vizcaya Museum & Gardens until relocating to Vero Beach, FL in 2005. Due to failing health, she moved to The Lourdes Pavilion assisted living facility in West Palm Beach where she was residing at the time of her death. A funeral Mass will be conducted at 11AM on July 25, 2007 at St. Francis Xavier Church, 261 Pleasant St. South Weymouth MA. A graveside service will follow. Published in the Boston Globe on 7/21/2007.

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