



# Rebecca N. Hemelgarn

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**R**ebecca N. Hemelgarn, age 93, of Fort Myers Beach, passed away Friday, August 4, 2017. She was born January 7, 1924 in Waynesboro, Georgia and moved to Fort Myers in the '40's. She was the second oldest child of seven children in the Condurelis family. She began her working career as a waitress for her father's restaurant, The Crystal Cafe in Fort Myers, Florida. She later worked for the government as a meteorologist during World War II. She was a restaurateur and land developer in the 60's and 70's. Rebecca and her late husband, Frank Hemelgarn, owned and operated Tip Top Isles Development, The Tahitian Motel and Times Square Restaurant, as well as many other businesses in the Fort Myers Beach area. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Alva. Rebecca lived a life nourishing others with love, faith and generosity. She touched the life of many with a kind word and was always willing to pray with those around her. She will be deeply missed by her friends and family. She is survived by one daughter, Sandra Brown (Doug), her sister Frankie Lee Lewis, two half sisters, Helen Christoff (Wendell) and Marie Trammell (Doug) and a half brother, Jimmy Counderelis. Her devoted grandson, Robert Williams (Mary Jane) and her great-grandchildren, Jesse Andrew, Alexander, Brooke, Noah, Seth, Rebecca-Kay "Scout" and Carter. A Memorial Service for Rebecca will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 inside the Chapel at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. Guests will be received for one hour preceding this ceremony beginning at 9:00 AM also in the chapel. At the conclusion of the service, family and friends will recess to adjacent Memorial Gardens Cemetery where Rebecca will laid to rest at the Masonic Garden. On-line condolences can be left on her memorial webpage at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com)



## Tribute Wall

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SL

**Sonia And Noah Lott** posted:

We have only just heard that Rebecca had passed. I will always have the fondest memories of her and Frank and the joy they both expressed when Noah was born. She holds a special place in our hearts. She opened her arms and loved us unconditionally. She was a very special person and she will be missed greatly. God has a very special angel in heaven now.

September 25 at 3:36 PM

DM

**Debra McIntyre** posted:

Robbie,I have so many pleasant memories of both of your grandparents. They reminded me so much of members of my family, and I learned a lot from each of them. Your granddad always kept a daily calendar, which I still do in this day of Outlook and smart phones, and have been able to reference a meeting or event when my memory lets me down. "Beck" gave me some wonderful keepsakes, among them a ceramic piece with the message "With God, all things are possible". I've shared that thought with many.I also remember your dedication and love for your grandparents, and am glad to know you have a big loving family around you. The circle of life continues! I hope our paths may cross again some day soon. Kindest regards,Debra McIntyre

August 12 at 8:39 AM

FM

**Fran Martin** posted:

We express our sympathies to Rebecca's family. We have enjoyed many visits over the past years with Frank & Rebecca and their many care takers. We were blessed to have the opportunity to be their next door neighbor and hear many great stories and history of our properties. We are presently near Chanute where they were once stationed and will not be back for the services, but will hope to see our FL neighbors in a few days. Our prayers and thoughts are with you!Jerry & Fran

August 8 at 12:06 PM

CC

**Chris Christensen** posted:

On behalf of all our Tip Top Isles & Terrace neighbors, and as de facto President of the non-existent Tip Top Isles & Terrace homeowners association, I extend our deepest sympathy to Rebecca Hemelgarn's family.Over the 18 years that my wife and I have lived on Rebecca Avenue, I have had quite a few face-to-face conversations with Rebecca and her late husband Frank. They were both very appreciative of the improvements and maintenance efforts that Tip Top neighbors made over the years to the community that they developed. We live in Tip Top because of them. We will always be thankful for their creating this wonderful neighborhood.Chris & Jean Christensen

August 8 at 6:39 AM



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**Susan Garrison** posted:

Dear Sandy, You may not remember me, but I have fond memories of your sweet mother and of our twirling sessions so long ago. I am so sorry to learn of your mother's passing, but I know you have wonderful memories to keep her close to you. I wish we'd had more contact in past years, but perhaps we will meet again someday. Meanwhile, know that I am thinking of you and wishing you peace and happiness always. Sincerely, Susan Garrison

August 7 at 7:33 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Rebecca by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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