



Lee Lasbury Memorial Award

Leah Bartlett Lasbury

Born in Boca Grande, Florida on April 11th, 1915

Departed on June 7th, 2009 .

Lee served as the Florida Artist Group President in 1972, 1973, 1974, 1979, 1980 and was a member of area 3.

Leah Bartlett Lasbury 94, departed this life for her next adventure on June 7, 2009. Leah was born in Boca Grande, Fla. in 1915 to James and Nellie Bartlett, early real estate pioneers in the area. She graduated from Rollins College in 1936 and attended Simmons College in Boston, Mass. Leah and her husband Clyde P. Lasbury came to Englewood in 1951 and established the first real estate business in Englewood, "Lee Lasbury Real Estate."

Her interests varied from accomplished artist to community activist. Her many years of involvement and leadership in local organizations include the Englewood Area Chamber of Commerce, Woman's Taxpayers League, Business and Professional Woman's Club, Englewood Area Board of Realtors, Elsie Quirk Public Library to name a few. She also was involved in the Ringling Museum Members Council and Board of Directors, A solo Theatre Festival Association Board of Directors and the Florida Artists Group. She was especially proud of her "Secret Society of Smoked Mullets" recognition in 1999. Leah was married to her best friend Clyde P. Lasbury for 49 years and spent her later years with her friend and companion Theodore Strongin. She was also a cherished member of her Slick Rock Mountain community in Brevard, North Carolina.

Leah was mother to three daughters Cherick B. Cope, Dana L. Meeks and Leah J. Lasbury, Jr. She was "Mimi" to four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Leah lived her life with enthusiasm, optimism and a great sense of adventure. Even though her health declined over the past few years, Leah handled life with courage, grace, humor and dignity, while still bringing joy and love to others as she always did. She will be dearly missed by not only family but all the people she touched in her life.