

Audrey Elenore Hobbins "Muff Forester" died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006. Muff was born in Madison on March 28, 1937. She attended Randall and Edgewood Schools and graduated from West High School in 1954. She was a 1959 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She was a life long sailor on Lake Mendota and a champion of the E-boat fleet. She and her family were long time residents of Maple Bluff. She spent nine years in Wauwatosa and 22 years in Brookfield where she found great passion in gardening. She was an Elmbrook Hospital volunteer, a WCTC graduate in Surgical Technology and a surgical technician for 13 years at St. Michael's Hospital. In 1990, she moved to St. Thomas, USVI, where she lived her dream of owning a chartered sailing business, "The Rag-a-Muffin." Interrupted by Hurricane Marilyn in 1995, she lost her home and boat and had to move to the mainland. She chose Venice, Fla. where she started and ran her nursery landscaping business until 2003. She was a descendent of Dr. William Hobbins, who came to Madison in 1853. She was a member of the Bell Chapter of the DAR (Daughter's of American Revolution). Survivors include her loving companion, Bob Laurine of Venice, Fla.; her dear children, James Hobbins Forester of Hartland, Wis., William Hobbins Forester of Chicago, Ill., John Richard Forester of Glencoe, Ill. and Abby Lynne Forester Bamba of Milwaukee; her brothers, Dr. William Hobbins of Madison and Edmund Hobbins of Bluffton, S.C.; and seven grandchildren, Jameson, Mallory, Beau, Tiffany, Dillon, Paige and Tasi. A memorial celebration will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, 2006, at the VENICE CLUB in Brookfield, Wis. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Muff's memory to WCTC Foundation, 800 Main St., Pewaukee, WI 53072.