



Helen Miller Salter

December 24, 1923 - May 2, 2015

Helen Frances Miller Salter died peacefully on May 2nd, 2015. She was born to Robert E. and Uldene S. Miller on December 24, 1923 in Pavo, Georgia and grew up in Valdosta, Ga. She was a dancer from an early age, studying with Marie Crockett. In 1944, she moved to NYC, to study at George Balanchine's School of American Ballet and performed with Mr. Balanchine's Ballet Society. In 1946, Helen married Charles E. Salter and became an Army Wife. She was the loving mother of Joanna, Beth and Sheppard Salter. She taught ballet, ballroom dance and cotillion in most of the places she lived. In 1964, the family moved to Tallahassee, Florida. Mrs. Salter opened Salter School of Dance, which she ran for 26 years. She taught thousands of girls and women classical ballet and tap dance. She and Chuck Salter were the founders of the Tallahassee Civic Ballet in 1973. Mrs. Salter loved gardening and was a member of the Dogwood Garden Circle and of the Women's Club of Tallahassee. She knitted innumerable hats for preemie babies over the last 20 years of her life. She was a founding member of the Sewing Ladies. Mrs. Salter was predeceased by her parents, her brothers, R. Eric Miller, Kenyon Miller and Grantland Miller, and her husband. She is survived by her sister, Madge Moore and by children, Joanna Booth and husband John, by Beth Troutman, and husband David, and by Sheppard Salter and wife Lynn. Mrs. Salter had 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Tallahassee Ballet, The School of American Ballet (NYC) and First Presbyterian Church, Natchez, Mississippi. A memorial service for

friends and former students will be held this week. Time, date and location will be announced. Online condolences may be sent to abbeyfh@comcast.com.