

CROSSED THE BAR

Elizabeth Nichols Forker

We've received word that Mrs. Betty Forker passed away on February 22 in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Forker had been coming to the Belvedere since the 1940's and celebrated her 50th summer here in 1996. She was also a 5-time Ladies golf champion at the Belvedere Golf Club and an accomplished tennis player at the Belvedere.

I remember many conversations with her – she was a grand lady. One particular time several years ago, we were talking on the porch of #207. Mrs. Forker said it was high time that we began recycling on the resort. She didn't think that the Club should do it but that our cottage owners should.

At that time, we passed out information on the County Recycling Program and some of our members participated.

Now, the Club would like to honor Mrs. Forker's memory with a new emphasis on recycling. Please see the coming announcements for details.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Forker/Smith families. The following is from the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Elizabeth Nichols Forker, former president of the Junior League of Cincinnati and the Garden Club of Cincinnati, died February 22 at her home in Hyde Park. She was 94.

"She didn't like to talk about herself and what she had done," said her son, David M. Forker III, of Salem, Alabama.

Mrs. Forker, known as Betty, was a founding trustee of the Children's Heart Association and the Visiting Nurse Association and president of the Children's Convalescent Home. She was a board member of the Southwestern Ohio Chapter of the American Heart Association and chairwoman of its annual Christmas card campaign in 1976.

During her younger years, Mrs. Forker was an excellent amateur golfer. She was president of the Greater Cincinnati Women's Golf Association and promoted women's and girl's golf until her death. In 1997, the association's amateur invitational championship named its junior medalist award the Betty Forker Trophy in her honor.

Her husband, David Matthews Forker Jr., died in 1979.

Also surviving are a daughter, Margaret Smith of Hyde Park; and two grandchildren. Services have been held. Interment was at Spring Grove Cemetery.

Memorials: Charlevoix Area Hospital, Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720; or Belvedere Club Memorial Fund, Belvedere Club, P.O. Box 218, Charlevoix, MI 49720.