



CATHERINE HEWSON FAHRINGER

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CATHERINE "KAY" HEWSON FAHRINGER

Catherine "Kay" Hewson Fahringer a well-known and respected financial executive and

community leader, died March 10, 2023. She was 100 years old.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Kay moved to Miami in 1958 with her son, Frank Beckett.

She joined Dade Federal Savings and Loan in 1958, which later became CentTrust Savings Bank,

as a Public Relations Clerk, and rose through the ranks to become Executive Vice President in

charge of Savings, Human Resources and Marketing. She also served as a member of its Board of

Directors, positions she held for many years until her retirement in 1984, due to the illness and

subsequent death of her husband, Edward.

Kay was recognized as a "Trailblazer" for the advancement of women in business and in the

community. She served as the first woman President/Chairperson of many professional, civic, and

charitable organizations in Miami-Dade County and in the State of Florida. She was Chairperson

of The Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County, The South Florida Blood Service, President

and Trustee Emeritus of Florida International University Foundation and the FIU Golden Panthers,

its athletic organization. She was President of The Country Club of Coral Gables, its



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first woman

president in 60 years, and was also its Commodore of The Fleet and President of its Woman's Golf

Association. She was named a Lifetime Founding Director of WPBT Chanel 2, a lifetime member

of The Girl Scouts, the YWCA and Lifetime Member of The Institute of Financial Education in

Chicago, where she served as a National Director representing the State of Florida...

Through study

and teaching, she was awarded its Graduate Diploma. She received an Honorary BA from the

"University of Hard Knocks" at Alderson Broaddus College in West Virginia. She has served as

Chairperson of the Board of Adjustments of the City of Coral Gables and Vice Chairperson of the

City's Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

Kay was also a public Arbitrator for NASD Regulations Association. She has been acknowledged

by many organizations locally and throughout the State of Florida for her organizational skills and

for her dedicated service. Many times, she was told "It can't be done", but with her leadership and

the help of others, "they did it".

Among her many acknowledgments and awards, she was named the Outstanding Citizen of

Miami-Dade County in 1984 for her work in health care and education and in 2007, she received

the Mayor's Pioneer Award of the Miami-Dade County's "In the Company of Women" program.

Her favorite pastimes - golf, bridge, and orchids. She has served as President of The Coral Gables



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Women's Golf and Bridge Association and was also a member of the Greenway Women's Golf Associations.

Kay was pre-deceased by her husband, Edward, and her son, Frank Beckett. A memorial service will be held at a later at the Coral Gables Congregational Church, where she was an active parishioner.




Events


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Memorial Service

 **Monday**, May 29, 2023

 11:00 AM ET

 **Coral Gables Congregational Church**
3010 De Soto Boulevard, Coral Gables FL





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Catherine M Boykin posted:

Dear Don
With deep sadness we learned of your Jeannett's passing. Way too young!
Her obituary points out what a vibrant, kind, giving life she led.
Wally & I are sending our thoughts and prayers to you & your Family for this which must be an incredibly tough time.
You were always there for our Aunt Kay & you even spoke at Kay's memorial as Jeannett was in the hospital. Your thoughts were a great comfort to all of us. For that we send our heartfelt thanks & hope for peace for you.
Cathy Boykin & Walt Morris

September 22 at 7:47 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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