



Doris DuBois Thayer Hawthorn

July 29, 1926 - July 19, 2018

Doris DuBois Thayer Hawthorn died in Hospice care July 19 after a brief illness. Doris (known as Dodie) was born to John and Bessie DuBois, July 29, 1926 in West Palm Beach and grew up at what is now DuBois Park in Jupiter. She graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics in 1948, then made her home on the Loxahatchee River with her first husband, William F. Thayer, Jr. and their five children. To the world of art collectors and interior design, she was known as Dodie Thayer. In the early 1960s she began creating a line of bright green art pottery known as Lettuce Ware. It was sold exclusively in shops in Palm Beach and New York City and was collected by Queen Elizabeth I, Jackie Kennedy Onassis, Barbara Sinatra, Brooke Astor, C.Z. Guest, Bunny Mellon, Tory Burch and many others. She was one of the seven founding members of the Lighthouse Art Center in Tequesta. An avid fisherwoman, she was a member of the International Women's Fishing Association for many years. It was a rare weekend that she and her second husband, James Hawthorn, weren't out fishing for sailfish. She was predeceased by her parents and her sisters, Susan Kindt (Charles) and Louise DuBois and her brother, Harry DuBois; her husbands, William F. Thayer, Jr. and James Hawthorn and her daughter, Hannah Thayer (John Miller). She is survived by her children; Lisa Jefferson (Mark), Laura Thayer (Jackie Slone), Mary Ferrell (Daniel) and Bill Thayer (Teresa). Eight grandchildren: Marisa Jefferson and Peter Jefferson, Dita Ferrell Baker (Adam), Daylen Ferrell Sutton (Wes), Jennifer Thayer Slack

(Matt), Billy Thayer (Kayla), Ben Thayer and Jill Thayer. Three great grandchildren; Lillian Slack, Eleanor Slack and Emerie Rose Sutton. She will also be greatly missed by her cousin and close friend, Ruth Nelms. A gathering of family and friends will be held at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home in Jupiter Saturday, August 4 from 3-5 p.m. A private family service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lighthouse School of Art in Tequesta.

Previous Events

Gathering

AUG 4. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Doris DuBois Thayer Hawthorn*

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